

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2015, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 124 BULL STREET, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Albert J. Scott called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. on Friday, June 26, 2015.

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome. Please be seated. I ask that you be seated and once our devotional leader has completed his remarks and indicate it's time for prayer, if you would re-stand at that time and remain standing while we are led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Center of the 3rd District.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, we are honored today to have with us the senior pastor of the New Covenant's Church. Pastor correct me if I'm wrong, but this church is located on Bull and 38th?

Dr. Andrew Young said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, and it's one of a very old and distinguished congregation in this city, and we have with us today Reverend Dr. Andrew Young. I made a comment in the Commission Room, we were not talking about the Atlanta Dr. Young, we were talking about the Savannah Dr. Young.

Dr. Young said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, and it's a pleasure to have you here, and Doctor, thank you for being here, and we look forward to your message.

Dr. Young said, thank you, sir. Good morning Chairman Scott and all the Commissioners. I greet you in the joy of the day yet though it's nationally a heavy day, it's a joy to be here. To my own Commissioner Stone, good morning.

Commissioner Stone said, good morning.

Dr. Young said, I'm glad to -- to be here. I want to take a few minutes. I know I only have about four minutes and 50 seconds left, so I'll be brief. Coming from the Old Testament, the book of Isaiah, Isaiah being a prophet honored in all of the three main line fates of the world. He writes, and this is the message translation of text, this is the kind of fast day I am after, to break the chains of injustice, to get rid of exploitation in the workplace, to free the oppressed, to cancel debts. What I am interested in seeing you do is sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering, ill-clad, being available -- available to even your own families. Do this and the lights will turn on and your lives will turn around at once. Your righteousness will pave your way. The God of glory will secure your passage. Then, when you pray, God will answer your call out for help, and I'll say, here I am.

Dr. Young said, three corporate calls that are here, the first is a corporate challenge, this first challenge given to us by the prophet Isaiah. He calls us to break chains of injustice and calls for fairness and equality in the workplace and for the release of the captive and the oppressed. This is a challenge that speaks directly and specifically to the interests of business, industry and trade in every community of almagamized people in any collective place. It's a call for changing and challenging business leaders and citizens to add value to our communities. Not only jobs and taxes and service and products which are all necessary and needed, but also scholarships and endowments and requests and mentorships and summer jobs and recreation and social structures who's entire reasons for being is to enhance our communities, our citizenry, and the culture of Chatham County.

Dr. Young said, secondly, there is a call, a collective call to goodness. It's a call that the prophet reminds us we all are called to. To care for the hungry, to lift up the broken, to find places of rest for the homeless, to put clothes on those who are poorly clad, and even -- and then even to be available to our own families. It's a call of second chances. It's -- it's a call that that we all must embrace to care for the least, the last, the left out, the lonely, the ill, the ill gotten, and the mentally challenged. We all, collectively, have this duty.

Dr. Young said, and then there's a third powerful word in this very brief (inaudible). He promises a coveted compact. This is a promise from the Almighty. A promise from the creator of the universe where he says when you do these things, when you call upon industry to be caring and you commission people to be loving that the Almighty, the creator of the universe, says he promises to bring us both the lights of hope and love and a joy

of peace. He promises to empower us that when we offer change, he is not only there, but he secures it for both the success and its fruitfulness, and my simple challenge and my simple thought for -- for you as I take my seat is that as you lead, and as we follow, that we should always remember that together we create a beautiful tapestry of communal change and power. Let's pray.

Dr. Young gave the invocation as follows:

Almighty God in your divine wisdom you created this moment, and in this moment, you have challenged us to do better than the last. In this moment you have also equipped and empowered us to do better than the next, and we ask humbly, Oh God, that all things said and all things thought and all things offered and all things postulated should be for the betterment of all humanity to which we have governance. Give us your wisdom. Give us your heart of justice and compassion. Give us minds of courage and vision. And then give us hearts of stamina and grace. When you do these things, when you answer these humble pleas and petitions, we will be careful to give your name all the honor and you all the credit. Now in the name of all those you've sent to remind us, equip us, and model your love, we say thank you. And in the name of all those you've sent we give your name honor. Amen.

Members of the Commission and Members of the audience collectively said, Amen.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Center said, will you please join with me.

Commissioner Center led all in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Chairman Scott presented Dr. Andrew Young with a Certificate of Appreciation for his devotion and invocation.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Mr. Chairman, I have a -- a comment.

Chairman Scott said, the Chair recognize the Commissioner from the 5th District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning, Pastor Young. I want to let you know that I really enjoyed your invocation this morning. It was very good. Thank you.

Dr. Young said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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IV. ROLL CALL

Chairman Scott said, the Clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Albert J. Scott, Chairman
 Helen L. Stone, Chairman Pro Tem, District One
 James J. Holmes, District Two
 Tony Center, District Three
 Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
 Yusuf K. Shabazz, District Five
 Lori L. Brady, District Six
 Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

Also Present: Lee Smith, County Manager
 R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney
 Janice Bocoock, County Clerk

Not Present: Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 2nd District for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Holmes said, I motion that Dr. Priscilla Thomas be absent due to her husband. She wanted to travel with him today.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. All in favor of excusing Dr. Thomas, please indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Holmes moved to excuse Commissioner Thomas from the Commission meeting. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION FOR MR. BOB ENGLISH FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO SCOUTS.

Chairman Scott said, at this time I'm going to recognize the Commissioner from the 1st District, who is also Pro Tem of this Commission for the purpose of reading a proclamation. This is a very special proclamation for a very deserving -- deserving individual, and once Commissioner Stone has read the proclamation, I will invite Mr. English to join us if he can, and also all the members of the Commission who wish to join us, please feel free to do so at that time. Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission, this is a true honor, and I'm so glad that all of you are here today to witness this, and so I will read the proclamation.

Commissioner Stone read the proclamation as follows:



WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners considers it an honor to recognize citizens that have been of great service to our community, and in that regard we salute Robert "Mr. Bob" English; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bob has been serving our community as the Scoutmaster of troop 24 for 56 years and is the longest continuously serving Scout Master in Georgia having begun his service in April 1959 when there were only 48 states; and

WHEREAS, he is known throughout the coastal empire counsel for his dedication to scouting and was inducted into the Boys Scouts of America 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership in 2010 from more than 700 nominations nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the "Father Son Freeze Out," a special scouting event held each year in January, was started by Mr. Bob 36 years ago and has become one of the largest scouting events. This year's event had over 700 in attendance from southeast Georgia and even at the age of 84, Mr. Bob is still the primary organizer and pitches his own tent and sleeps out in the cold with the boys.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert J. Scott, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby salute:

MR. ROBERT "BOB" ENGLISH

for being a rare jewel that has unselfishly given most of his life to serving as scoutmaster to make a difference in the lives of so many.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 26th day of June 2015.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Helen L. Stone, Chairman Pro Tem
District 1

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. Bob English said, right now today I'm not my best of condition I have -- I'm under a doctor's care, and I'm having a hard time getting rid of whatever I've got. But I did not want to be a scout master, but the boys wanted a scout troop, and they kept after me and kept after me and kept after me till I said I'd do it, and I've been doing it ever since. I thought about quitting many times, but nobody else wanted to do it, but these boys were looking for somebody to lead them and carry them places and do things with them, and I'm glad the Lord allowed me to this. Thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Mr. Steve Floyd said, thank you, Chairman. My name is Steve Floyd, and on behalf of Mr. English's family, the current scouts and past scouts, and I would ask all scouts who have been touched by Mr. English to please stand. [Applause.] This is just a handful of young men and older men, like myself. He was my scout master. This is my son, his scout master as well, and it's been very special to have him serve as our leader for all these years. We just took it for granted that he was always going to be there, but he's taught us a lot more than just camping and carving and all that, but he taught us a lot about just being a man, and we really appreciate everything he's done for us. Thank you very much for your service. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, to Mr. English, thank you for your service. Thank you. I recognize Commissioner Pat Farrell from the 4th District for the purpose of comments.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, I -- I -- I appreciate the opportunity to have such an outstanding citizen to come and visit with us today and be recognized by the community for his unselfishness and his gifts to all the people in the Montgomery area and other places that he has touched so many lives. I cannot recall how many different phone calls I've had over the last year telling me that this -- this is something that we need to do, and we need to do it soon. So, I'm very glad that this day has come, and that you're well enough to be with us today and -- and partake in this event, and that -- that this is a small token of recognition for over half a century of community and public service that you unselfishly gave of yourself with no intention of any kind of recognition or compensation, and a true person of -- of good values and character for everyone to look up to, and for that my hat's off to you and many thanks.

Mr. English said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you, Mr. English, and we'll give you an opportunity to exit if you -- if you would like, if you don't wish to stay for all of the going ons that will take place.

Commissioner Farrell said, he may be more comfortable in other places.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, okay. Moving on to page 3, we don't have any Chairman or Commissioner items.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

None.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

Unless action is contemplated at today's meeting, staff report and file material has not been duplicated in your agenda packet. The files are available from the Clerk. Those on which staff is requesting action are indicated by asterisk (*)

Chairman Scott said, we don't have any items that's been tabled for reconsideration.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

(Unless the Board directs otherwise, adoption of an Action Item will mean approval of the respective County staff report and its recommended action.)

1. **PUBLIC HEARING AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW ON THE COUNTY'S INTENT TO LEVY A MILLAGE RATE THAT DIFFERS FROM THE CALCULATED "ROLLBACK" MILLAGE RATE FOR AD VALOREM TAX PURPOSES.**

Chairman Scott said, and that will move us on to the first item on our regular agenda, which is the public hearing, and I'd just like to say, ladies and gentlemen, this is a hearing being held in compliance with Georgia State law. The Chatham County Board of Commission has announced a -- and have public -- it's public intentions to increase property taxes and will levy this year by 7.67 percent over the rollback millage rate of general maintenance and operating taxes an increase by 1.37 percent over the rollback millage rate of the Special Service District and a 4.71 percent rollback millage rate for the Chatham Area Transit. The purpose of this hearing is to provide members of the public the opportunity to comment.

Chairman Scott said, now, the advertised millage rate, which is what I just stated was advertised at 11.908 percent. That was the milage rate in 2013. That millage rate is 0.84 percent higher than the calculated rollback millage rate of 11.06 mills. However, the millage rate that's being recommended by staff in alternative 1 is 11.543, which is the millage rate that we currently have, and it's the millage rate of 2014. If you can recall, when we passed a budget last year in 2014, we rolled back the milage rate from the 11.908 mills to 11.543 mills, which was a reduction at that time of a .37 mills. We did that, and it was the only legal way we could rebate \$4 million to the tax payers of unused SPLOST funds. The only way we could have accomplished that last year, in 2014, was to rollback the millage rate by .37 mills, and we did that. And so if you look at what the mill was in 2013, it was 11.908. We rolled it back in 2014 to 11.543 in order to rebate the \$4 million of unused SPLOST funds. Okay? This year staff has recommended that we keep the millage rate flat at 11.43, and that's what we will be voting on today after we hear from the public.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, 11.543.

County Manager Lee Smith said, 543.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. 11.543. And the advertised millage rate for the Special Service District is 4.13 mills, which is 0.056 mill higher than the calculated rollback millage rate of 4.074. The advertised millage rate for the Chatham Area Transit Authority is 1 mill, which is 0.045 mills higher than the calculated rollback millage rate of 0.955. Now, we have -- we were -- had a list at the front of the room for anyone who wish to speak to sign up. I've been given a preliminary list. We only have a couple of presenters, and I will call on you in the order in which your names appears on this list. We ask that if you would, to limit your comments to five minutes, and we want everyone to have a chance to be heard in case there's someone in the audience other than those on this list who wish to be heard. At this time I'm going to call on Ms. Karen Gainey [sic], and when you come up if you would please tell us if you are representing an organization, and if you would also tell us your address. Thank you so much.

Ms. Karen Grainey said, okay. Yes. I'm Karen Grainey, and I'm representing the Coastal Group of the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club. I live at 316 Tanglewood Road. I'm not sure I'm -- what I came to talk about is relevant to what you just talked about. You were talking about millage rates and stuff. I wanted to talk about the actual proposed budget, and I know there was a hearing last time on June 18th, and I probably should have been at that hearing, so I hope that you'll be patient and just let me make a really brief comment. It has to do with the -- page 69 on the proposed budget where you have a -- a request for -- to hire somebody to manage the maintenance of the greenspace that's been purchased by the county, and I -- that's been brought to my attention recently. Maybe I should have known about his earlier. I could have come to the other hearing, but that you're not going to be -- the recommendation is to not fund that position, and, of course, I'm not, you know, that brought to my attention, I looked back at the resources protection committee's work, and I did some research on that, and I actually remember back in 2007 when the County Commission passed a resolution to be the greenest county in Georgia and then they, you know, spent a little bit of money to get -- to fund the Chatham Environmental Forum, and they came up with a road map for -- for doing that, and one of the really important parts of that roadmap was greenspace, and I looked up action item that was on there, and it's an action item that the County Commission actually took up -- took up right away. There's a lot of action items on there that have never been done, but this one was, and it was support funding for the Natural Resources Protection Commission to purchase and maintain environmentally sensitive lands. And that's happened, you

know, and we have some lands that have been purchased, and the Resource Protection Commission was very active, and I actually participated in the Technical Advisory Committee and went out and looked at properties and filled out, you know, surveys -- you know, and -- and did evaluations. And did all this work, and it was very, very active, and then gradually over time, it kind of petered out, and now, I don't even think the Resource Protection Commission meeting -- has meetings any more. I know the Technical Advisory Committee doesn't meet any more. And I even went to look and see when the last time they met, and according to the Metropolitan Planning Commission's website, it hasn't met since 2011.

Ms. Graine said, so I guess I'm not really concerned about that one line item about the \$40,000 job because I think we need more than that. I think that that's been, I guess, rejected, and from -- and not put in the budget, but I think we need to find a way to find some money in this budget to revive the resource -- the natural resources protection commission, and prob -- I think part of the problem is that the state -- state funds for buying greenspace have kind of evaporated, but that's going to change. I think -- there has been action in the state legislature and -- but -- legislation has been proposed to find a way to start a trust fund for buying green space. Now there's a lot of hurdles that have to be jumped before that will ever happen, but, you know, I think that it's important to keep our resource -- our natural resources planning commission alive and well and still existing and meeting so they're ready for when that -- that changes, and there will be funding to buy greenspace. In addition, we have already purchased greenspace, and there needs to be a plan -- I know there's plans on the books, you know, there -- they've made plans for how to manage the land that's been purchased, but, you know, that's just on paper. We actually have to do that stuff, and that does entail, you know, spending some money and hiring some people to maintain and manage those resources. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I have a question.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz of the 5th District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, the young lady that just came up, she mentioned environmentally sensitive areas. What areas are those?

Member of the audience said, he's talking to you. He's asking you a question.

Ms. Graine said, oh, I'm sorry. I wasn't -- I wasn't expecting any questions. Okay. Well, that -- that's part of what the Resource Planning Commission could -- the plan that that protection -- the natural resources protection commission does to try to evaluate undeveloped land that is -- and -- and -- and evaluate it for its -- its importance ecologically. And so that's one of the functions that it's -- I -- I don't have a -- a list in my head of environmentally sensitive lands, but, you know, what comes to mind is wetlands; we all know are environmentally sensitive lands. And there's a whole -- just a whole -- sorry -- they worked on a huge -- you know, there's been a lot of work done on this by that commission and by the Technical Advisory Committee where available tracts of land that seemed -- where the people who owned the land are open to selling it are looked at and have been evaluated. So a lot of this -- this leg work has been done, and it's just a shame to just abandon all that.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, just for the record, it should be noted that this Commission and the previous Commission between them --

Chairman Scott said, thank you Ms. Graine. Thank you.

County Attorney Hart said, -- have acquired over 3,000 acres of open space, which is probably the largest amount by any county in the state.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, how many?

County Attorney Hart said, now that's not to say that you can't continue to do that --

Chairman Scott said, repeat the acres counselor.

County Manager Smith said, over 20 -- it's over 2600 acres, which is pretty good. Also, I mention, Mr. Chairman, you know, we -- I did not recommend the \$40,000 at this time because we do have, as we stated in the workshop, a master plan coming back to you this fall to look at all the open space. Also, all of our parks, to find out how to manage it. The RPC, I've spoken with the MPC, I know they've had some real difficult problems in even getting quorums, and that's something this master plan, we hope to address the management of the space. As far as the RPC itself, that would be something that MPC would be, you know, responsible for.

Chairman Scott said, yes. Thank you. Next on the list is Mr. Clay Mobley. Mr. Mobley, if you're representing an organization, would you please state what organization, and -- and please give us your address. The only reason we ask for your address, so members of the Commission will know which District you're in. Thank you.

Mr. Clay Mobley said, absolutely. Good -- good morning Chairman, Commissioners. Clay Mobley, Georgia Conservancy Coastal Director here in Savannah, and I'm at 312 Kensington Drive, in Commissioner Stone's District, my favorite middle school teacher. But, yeah, I'm here this morning to support greenspace. The Georgia Conservancy's been around for nearly 50 years. We've been -- had an office here in Savannah since 1972. So we've -- we've seen a lot of progress here in Chatham County. You know, I -- I certainly have over the years. We've been a place where other people love to visit. We've got historic district and a lot of natural treasures such as Ossabaw Island, Wassaw, the barrier islands, Tybee and so forth, and, you know, at Georgia Conservancy, a vision where Georgia and the people thrive, we look at both the environment, the wildlife and habitat, plus the people. Jobs are important. So I think with that in mind, we -- we support and have since our founding in 1967, places for us to recreate. With -- with that in mind, I think it's a great accomplishment that we have 2600 acres, and one of the -- the examples I -- I like personally is Whitemarsh Preserve. We have a 10-year-old son, and we enjoy biking at Whitemarsh Preserve, and, you know, I think these -- these places that are kept natural and places we can recreate, you know, do lead to healthier, happier people, which we all -- we all want. So, you know, my -- I support this personally, as well as professionally, and it also gives us a ways and means to have an organized fashion, bring back the Resource Protection Commission, and I was an active participant on the Technical Advisory Committee, and it's a -- it's a great way to leverage the -- the public/private -- because there was really a group -- a great group of experts on these -- on the Commission and the Technical Advisory, you know, volunteering to -- you know, their time, our time, and we have properties identified and ranked, that, you know, owners would -- would be willing to sell possibly. But, you know, again I think it's important because of our growth, and I think it really adds to our city. It would make it more attractive for businesses such as Volvo perhaps to, you know, maybe reconsider if there's more parks, and I think it's a -- a good project for Chatham County to add to our beauty of -- of historic Savannah, coupled with, you know, a healthy and vibrant parks and recreation -- recreation program.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Mr. Mobley said, any questions? Comments?

Chairman Scott said, we have a -- we have a comment and -- from Commissioner Brady of the 6th District.

Commissioner Brady said, good morning.

Mr. Mobley said, good morning.

Commissioner Brady said, if I can turn this on.

Commissioner Shabazz said, it's on. It's on. It's on. It's on.

Commissioner Brady said, is it working? Are y'all trying to -- the lights not on. Can you hear me?

Mr. Mobley said, I can hear you. Thank you.

Commissioner Brady said, I'll just talk loud. First of all I wanted to congratulate you, Mr. Mobley and Ms. Grainey -- there we go.

Chairman Scott said, gentle touch.

Commissioner Brady said, yeah. I'm kind of hard line -- for the work that you've done in reference to this task. And I don't know if you know this, but there was the plantation area that was bought out there in Georgetown. It actually was auctioned. It was the property -- it was like 800 acres, and it was the property they were going to build like a Ritz Carlton and all on, and I was told by one of the folks out there and -- and some others that it was actually a company that bought it to conserve it, the entire 800 acres. So I thought that was a good I -- you know, that was good for us. I don't know if you're aware of that. You may want to do some checking on that.

Mr. Mobley said, is that Vallombrosa?

Commissioner Brady said, yes. Mm-hmm. Vallombrosa Plantation.

Mr. Mobley said, yeah. I've been working with the landowners on conserving that tract.

Commissioner Brady said, mm-hmm. And we had somebody come and speak at one of our hearings, I want to say it was last -- it was Thursday morning. Was that a regional or a state person that came? To talk about conserving land and that they had been out there surveying? I mean it wasn't either one of y'all, and I can't recall her name, but there are other folks working out there, and, you know, trying to help your cause. What I would like to say is -- is that the County Attorney made the comment that it -- it would be an MPC function. And it is hard to get a quorum when you're looking at volunteers, and then if you don't have a quorum, you can't do any business. So my suggestion to y'all would be -- is that in order to try to promote this in the future that you get people who are truly, truly dedicated. And I know people at the Coastal Sierra Club, I know that they're dedicated. I'm sure you've got folks and volunteers that are dedicated to it, and make sure, you know, that they're going to make the commitment, and you're going to have a quorum. Because if you don't have a

quorum, you can't do any business. So, I think what you're doing is great. I -- I appreciate that you're trying to conserve ecologically important properties, and -- and if there's anything I can personally do in the future, please don't hesitate to call me.

Mr. Mobley said, thank you.

Commissioner Brady said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Mobley said, and I might add that we are -- we've been working now for seven years to pass the legacy, which will be a mechanism for acquiring lands with state -- state funds. Right now there's a wholesale tax that we don't see, but -- on outdoor gear, and we're proposing to take 75 percent of that tax and give it back to the people in the form of purchasing land in which to recreate and working with Representative John Burns who's sponsoring this bill, and we think our chances are pretty good now that he's, you know, majority leader. So we're -- we're hoping --

Commissioner Brady said, well, I know him personally.

Mr. Mobley said, right.

Commissioner Brady said, so if you would send me an email and put something in the subject field that I recognize.

Mr. Mobley said, sure.

Commissioner Brady said, I -- I certainly would contact him on -- on your behalf.

Mr. Mobley said, okay. Great.

Commissioner Brady said, and tell him I'm in support of -- and I do want to say in reference to Villages of Vallombrosa, I did make a phone call to Representative Ron Stephens to ask for state money to buy that property so that it wouldn't go to a developer wanting to buy a Ritz Carlton, and I put him in contact with people who live in that area, and he said the same thing, that -- that -- that Mrs. Grainey confirmed, is that there really is no state money to -- to do those kind of things right now.

Mr. Mobley said, right.

Commissioner Brady said, we'll see what happens in the -- in the future.

Mr. Mobley said, okay. Well I look forward to working with you. You know the thought is with the legacy, when those funds are available, it would be good to have Chatham County prepared with -- with a plan, and -- and if perhaps there's matching opportunities, if we have funds allocated, then we're more likely to receive those.

Commissioner Brady said, I agree. Work carefully --

Mr. Mobley said, right.

Commissioner Brady said, -- and closely with the Metropolitan Planning Commission, and I think they can try to help you with some of it. Not the funding part piece of it, but trying to get organized again.

Mr. Mobley said, okay. Thank you for your support.

Chairman Scott said, we have Commissioner Stone of the 1st District.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Mobley, I appreciate you're being here, and -- and your position, and what you're doing, and I guess that's because you were always a good student. It doesn't surprise me. Having said that, I have a question. I was not here on Thursday, I was on county business in Atlanta, and the -- one of the biggest topics was water and our natural resources and what we are doing to protect and preserve and actually the water wars that are going on with our neighboring states. That being said, I'm -- I'm a little bit concerned, what -- does MPC have funding in their budget for this committee? I mean I know you're not looking to appoint a person, but I -- I'm just wondering if there's money in their current budget for this.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, it should be a volunteer thing, right?

Mr. Mobley said, right.

Commissioner Stone said, yeah, but there still has to be staff time and staff energy, so I'm just --

County Manager Smith said, well --

Commissioner Stone said, -- I'm just trying to figure out can this be done because it is important.

County Manager Smith said, one of the things that we attempted to do, Mr. Chairman, if I might, is over the last few months we had approached the City of Savannah and all the municipalities, we, being the county, to look at working with Jackie Teal-Jackson --

Commissioner Stone said, mm-hmm.

County Manager Smith said, -- and actually bringing on someone or looking at a consultant that would come in and help us with some of the regulations, how we kind of maneuver some of those things, particularly given the we know what the restrictions are coming down from the state. We have not been successful in two of our larger municipalities wanting to participate except in outreach. So what we're doing is we're having to scale back and look at the possibility of a consultant, and at the Manager's meeting that was held with all the City Managers and myself last week, we agreed -- Tom Thomson was there and Jackie Teal-Jackson, and we asked them to go back, look at a consultant and look at what -- so we may come back to you on that because we think there will be some necessary work based on like the capacities and the draw downs and that type thing.

Commissioner Stone said, well I just --

County Manager Smith said, so, we are working on it, but we're trying to figure out how to do it. We also don't want to hire somebody for the sake of hiring someone. We want necessary -- you know, if they're -- what's the scope? What do they need to do?

Commissioner Stone said, that -- that's what I'm asking.

County Manager Smith said, and that's what we're doing, but we -- we are back with -- with Pooler and the City of Savannah. We absolutely feel they should participate, and we're hoping they'll, you know, reconsider. So we're working with them.

Commissioner Stone said, well, I -- I guess what I'm saying is I don't want this to fall through the cracks.

County Manager Smith said, it's not. It will not. You have my assurance it won't.

Commissioner Stone said, just because we are -- there may be some funding issues associated with it.

County Manager Smith said, sure.

Commissioner Stone said, from what I'm hearing from the state Association of County Commissioners, just water being water of them, but we've -- we've got to pay attention --

County Manager Smith said, we do.

Commissioner Stone said, -- to what's going on with our natural resources. It's -- it's a big issue, and it's going to get bigger, and it will dictate development. It will dictate who comes to this community, and it will dictate our future. So I'm very concerned about this.

County Manager Smith said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, and I just want to make sure that we're not asking a task of the MPC that they don't have the adequate funding in order to carry it out.

County Manager Smith said, we actually went as Managers and approached them, so some of us are grouped together looking at what monies we need to put up to do that, so now we're scaling that scope back based on what Pooler's response was, a partial response, and the City of Savannah.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, so we're working on it.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. I'm -- I just don't want any unfair responsibilities put on the MPC without adequate funding.

County Manager Smith said, no. Absolutely not. That's why we approached them and said we would have to pay for something. I mean, because that would be additional.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Mr. Mobley.

Mr. Mobley said, okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, we have one other presenter, and that's Sheriff Al St. Lawrence.

Sheriff Al St. Lawrence said, I was going to talk about the general M&O fund. I don't know if I'm in the wrong -- wrong time or what.

Chairman Scott said, you're probably in the wrong time, but it doesn't matter Sheriff, we're always willing to hear from you.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, okay. All right. Well the reason I'm here is be -- simply because we had budget hearings scheduled and they were canceled for one reason or another, and the things I'm asking for is -- is upgrades not new initiatives.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, and I -- it's very important for us, for instance, to be able to save video more than 27 or 19 days, and that's what our capacity is now. We need upgrade on the video system, the servers if you will, and -- and some other minor things that -- that need to be taken care of. These are upgrades not new initiatives.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, but the servers are very important if we're going to be able to go back and retrieve something 60 days old. And we don't know about these things until we get open records requests and so forth and so on, and the servers just won't handle it.

Chairman Scott said, and I -- I think you're correct, Sheriff, and the -- the Manager's going to speak to that when you get through with your remarks.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, and the 2004 gear that we had for the G-8 summit, I mean, we're not talking about a -- an awful lot of money, but it's outdated, needs to be replaced, and we called that to your attention before. I -- I'm -- I'm not asking for new initiatives. I want upgrades is all I want.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Sheriff, we'll -- we will support that request.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Manager.

County Manager Smith said, yes. There were what were placed to us -- we actually, as a budget committee, asked the Sheriff's office to place in priority some items. I will tell you on the -- I will start with some of the safety gear issues. One of the things we'll be getting July 1st, is a new safety director, which we have never had. This county's never really had a safety program, which can save us millions, and -- in future dollars and dollars today with work comp and also avoiding people being injured. So what I'm hoping, well not what I'm hoping, what I know we will do, we will be looking with the safety director department or lease department to look at their safety equipment, including the sheriff's office and make recommendations that would come to my office and then to you of what is needed to keep our employees and our staff and our team members safe.

Chairman Scott said, but the upgrade on -- on retention time for videos and stuff like that, there are funds in the budget that can be used for that.

County Manager Smith said, well, what we would ask is -- is we -- that -- it came to us as a new initiative. I was just talking to the attorney about that. I will tell you, in order to meet -- in order to meet the requirements even for some of what we do in court and what we do as a county, there's not enough servers in this universe to hold everything that the state would like us to keep. I mean, it -- it literally could cost you millions in servers. So we can look as we go through the year to look at some upgrades, and we can bring back some sort of amendment to you, but right now I would like to look at -- because I -- I think there's some ideas that we had how we might do this. I think we need to work close -- more closely with ICS to develop, you know, a -- a better program as far as server storage. There are ways to do that off site that is secure, and I think we need to look at that. We can do it with -- at -- at a better price, and that is working with the Sheriff. I think he's done and the requests he made are correct, but we've got to find the most efficient and most cost-effective way to do it.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, so I think it's something that can be done with existing funds.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, oh, we're already storing that off site to be sure that nothing interferes with it.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, yes. We -- with the new technology today, though, a lot of folk are going to cloud server --

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, -- and that type of stuff, and that's what the Manager's --

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, -- is eluding to that we're going to work with you to do whatever's necessary --

County Manager Smith said, to research how we can do that.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, and thank you so much.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, the other thing I didn't mention is fleet management never recommends any cars for us. I got 12 cars that are over 130,000 miles on them that need to be replaced. I can't -- they tell me not to put it in my budget, fleet management's going to handle that, and they don't -- they don't recommend anything.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. We've got funds in there for car replacements, Sheriff.

County Manager Smith said, yeah, we do. And we've got a new fleet manager who's doing that. In fact we just -- I know for Metro we were behind. We just ordered 40 vehicles for them, and we'll be doing the same for the Sheriff to get his numbers back up.

Chairman Scott said, and we also have funds in the SPLOST for vehicle replacement.

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Chairman Scott said, we've got funds both places to replace your cars.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, okay. I -- I didn't know that.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, nobody's informed me of that --

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, and I -- I just -- when they rag tag like they are with over 130,000 miles on them, it's time for them to go.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Sheriff.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. I think I just replaced five with some SPLOST -- SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how -- how long -- how long does the -- the tape or videos need to -- how long do they need to last?

Chairman Scott said, Jon -- let the County Attorney speak to that.

County Manager Smith said, Jon, he's talking about videos and the -- the time. He's talking about how much space and the time we need to save that.

County Attorney Hart said, well, to --

Commissioner Shabazz said, he said it's 27 days so far.

County Attorney Hart said, -- to be able to save -- the -- the -- the issue really becomes how -- what's the cost effective manner of storing it. We've got 800 cameras out there, okay?

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

County Attorney Hart said, and if they run a 24-hour cycle, you can imagine how much video tape you're talking about. So if you're talking about storage for 27, 28 days, that -- that in and of itself is a significant amount of data. So what -- what we're talking about doing is trying to figure out how to expand the length of time to preserve it, but we've got to figure out a way to do that.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, we need at least 60 days on the video back up.

County Attorney Hart said, now, if we -- you know, if we know the -- know what we're looking for, or think its -- we know of something we need to preserve, that makes it a lot easier, but a lot of times you have people that, you know, say -- bring up something that you have to go back two weeks, three weeks back and you don't know till you get there --

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

County Attorney Hart said, -- you know, but it's just impossible to preserve it all right now.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, anything else?

Commissioner Shabazz said, no.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center of the 3rd?

Commissioner Center said, and -- and I guess this may be to Jonathan Hart, as well as the Sheriff. This preserving video recordings, I mean it's strictly because of litigation? I mean does everybody in today's society expects every single second of every single day --

County Attorney Hart said, I don't know what --

Commissioner Center said, -- to be video recorded and kept?

County Attorney Hart said, I don't know what everybody expects, I just know that we put that in for our own purposes to assist us at -- at the facility, and so when we first look at what we want to record and the length of time we do that, we try to do that keeping in mind the efficiency of running that operation.

Commissioner Center said, all right. So --

County Attorney Hart said, we're not keeping film for, you know, historic pros -- prosperity or for litigation or for any other reason other than the operation of what we need to do.

Commissioner Center said, and the Sheriff just recommended 60 days, I mean, is it -- do we have to come up with a policy of how long you can keep something or when an -- an inmate or an -- or an employee raises something, we go look for it? I mean you just can't keep recording. You don't have -- people don't have little Steven Spielberg's running around behind them --

County Attorney Hart said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, -- recording every moment of their life even though people expect it.

County Attorney Hart said, it -- it's another -- another tool that we use for monitoring. Is -- is it 100 percent? No. Is it better than what we had? Absolutely.

Commissioner Center said, but monitoring is as it happens. Instead of having a person in the room you have them behind a camera.

County Attorney Hart said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, does that mean we have to keep it forever?

County Attorney Hart said, no.

Commissioner Center said, I mean is there -- is there any kind of trend or national -- it's up to each authority to decide how long they want to keep it?

County Manager Smith said, well, that's part of right now, we actually have, you know, we've actually brought in experts and consultants that are out at our facility now, and we hope that's going to be part of recommendations, that we look at best practices, and that's what we're doing to instill best practices with the

Sheriff at the Detention Center, and I would hope that would include those issues. Because you've got to remember, a lot of your cameras and your safety equipment are for the public, when they're in some of our buildings, but also for the safety of our employees. You know, when people say well they're for litigation purposes, that is not the purpose of tape, you know, or for, you know, recording.

Commissioner Center said, and that -- that's what I wanted you to tell the public.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, I -- I appreciate that because most people think it's recorded so someone can have access to it later.

County Manager Smith said, that's not the case.

Commissioner Center said, it's recorded so we can protect instances as they happen --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, -- more efficiently and there's no protocol that you have to keep it forever.

County Manager Smith said, that's correct. It just helps in the management of our staff and of the population they keep.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, it should also be for the safety of the inmates as well.

County Manager Smith said, absolutely.

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

County Attorney Hart said, it's for everybody.

County Manager Smith said, thank you. Yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, that exhausts the list of people who have signed up to speak. If there's anyone else want to address this public hearing? Hearing none, I will now declare the public hearing closed. And we'll move on with our agenda.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To hold a Public Hearing as required by State law on the County's intent to levy a millage rate that differs from the calculated "rollback" millage rate for ad valorem tax purposes.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County is required by State law (O.C.G.A. Code Section 48-5-32.1) to compute a "rollback" millage rate, which is the previous year's millage rate minus the millage equivalent of the total net assessed value added by reassessments of existing real property. The law further provides that, if the levying authority proposes to levy a millage rate in excess of the computed "rollback" rate, certain advertisements and three public hearings must be held before the adoption of the final millage rate.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The 2015 digest has an increase in the total net assessed value. This has resulted in a calculated rollback rate that is lower than the current millage rate. The current millage rates are higher than the rollback rates computed using the formula in state law. The proposed millage rate for the General Fund M&O is higher than the current millage rate as a result of the one-time credit for re-purposed SPLOST in accordance with the latest SPLOST referendum.

2. At its May 22, 2015 meeting, the Chatham County Commission received the schedule for advertisements and public hearings necessary to adopt the millage rates for the 2015 Tax Digest:
 - a) The advertisements required by state law stated that the Board of Commissioners has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require 7.67% increase in General Maintenance and Operations, 1.37 in Special Service District and 4.71% Chatham Area Transit Authority taxes. This gives the Board of Commissioners the option of adopting the millage rates recommended to balance the proposed budgets.
 - b) For the General Fund the advertised millage rate is 11.908 mills. This is higher than the calculated "rollback" rate of 11.060 mills, by 0.848 mills, a 7.67% increase.
 - c) For the Special Service District the advertised millage rate is 4.13 mills. This is higher than the calculated "rollback" rate of 4.074 mills, by 0.056 mills, a 1.37% increase.
 - d) For the Chatham Area Transit Authority the advertised millage rate is 1.00 mills. This is higher than the calculated "rollback" rate of 0.955 mills, by 0.045 mills, a 4.71% increase.
3. Public hearings were held at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on June 18, 2015. These hearings were advertised in the Savannah Morning News on June 10, 2015.
4. Also, as required by law, on June 10, 2015, Chatham County issued a press release to the Savannah Morning News and the television media announcing the above mentioned millage rates and the three public hearings.
5. Notification of the public hearings is being broadcast on Channel 16.

FUNDING:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Hold the third public hearing on June 26, 2015.
2. Give staff alternate direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires three advertised public hearings before the adoption of any millage rate that exceeds the "rollback" rate.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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- 2 **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: 1) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O (A) TRANSFER \$230,000 FROM THE INDIGENT HEALTH BUDGET TO SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS, (B) TRANSFER UP TO \$738,586 FROM SALARY CONTINGENCY AND UP TO \$38,668 FROM FUEL CONTINGENCY TO THE DETENTION CENTER BUDGET (84.64%), THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET (14.14%) AND THE CNT BUDGET (1.22%) FOR HOLIDAY PAY, (C) TRANSFER \$125,000 FROM RESTRICTED CONTINGENCIES TO THE COURT EXPENDITURES BUDGET, (D) TRANSFER \$11,500 FROM THE ADA BUDGET TO TRANSFER OUT TO CIP, (E) TRANSFER \$17,066 FROM THE AQUATIC CENTER BUDGET TO TRANSFER OUT TO CIP, (F) TRANSFER \$25,000 FROM THE TAX COMMISSIONER'S BUDGET TO TRANSFER OUT TO CIP; 2) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND: (A) REDUCE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$128,000 DE-OBLIGATION OF FUNDS, (B) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$49,759 FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT AWARD; 3) IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND: (A) INCREASE REVENUES \$53,566 TRANSFER IN FROM GENERAL FUND M&O, (B) INCREASE THE AQUATIC CENTER PROJECT \$28,566 AND THE TAX COMMISSIONER PROJECT \$25,000; 4) IN THE BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES FUND APPROPRIATE \$12,450 NET ASSETS FOR SALARIES; AND 5) IN THE CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND APPROPRIATE \$33,260 TO THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM (CNT).**

Chairman Scott said, item two under Individual Action, to request -- to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in General Fund M&O (a) transfer \$230,000 from the Indigent Health Care budget

to Special Appropriations, transfer up to 738 -- \$738,586 from Salary Contingency and up to \$38,668 from Fuel Contingency to the Detention Center budget (84%), the Sheriff's budget (14.4 -- 14.14%) and the CNT budget and (1.22%) for holiday pay, transfer \$125,000 from Restricted Contingency to the Court Expenditure budget, transfer \$11,500 from the ADA budget to Transfer out to the CIP, transfer \$17,066 from the Aquatic Center budget to Transfer Out to CIP, transfer \$25,000 from the Tax Commissioner's budget to Transfer Out to CIP; and in the Multiple Grant Fund: reduce revenues and expenditures by \$128,000 de-obligation of funds, and (b) increase Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: increase revenues by \$53,566 Transfer in from General Fund M&O, and (b) increase the Aquatic Center project and Regulatory Services Fund by \$12,450 net assets for salaries; and in Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$33,260 to the Counter Narcotics Team (CNT). Is there a motion?

Commissioner Brady said, I move for approval.

Chairman Scott said, is there a second?

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we approve the budget transfers that was outlined. All in favor -- any unreadiness?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, hearing -- we have an unreadiness, Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, transfer \$230,000 from the indigent health -- health care budget to special appropriations. What is the special appropriations. What -- what are we referring to?

County Manager Smith said, I'll ask Amy Davis from Finance to step up.

Chairman Scott said, Ms. Davis our Finance Director will answer your question.

Ms. Amy Davis, Finance Director said, this is a one-time special appropriations for our retirees to get a small one-time increase, kind of like a bonus check for their -- our -- our -- we have not given them any kind of COLA in several years, so this is in lieu of a COLA.

Commissioner Shabazz said, what is the Indigent Health Care budget now?

Ms. Davis said, that was actually, if you recall, the DFCS changes that were made, we had half a million dollars basically set aside for those programs. The state then changed the way they do business with -- with DFCS and so we did not spend that half a million dollars, so we were able to take it out of that.

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm. Okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further unreadiness? If not, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the request as written for the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O (a) transfer \$230,000 from the Indigent Health budget to Special Appropriations, (b) transfer up to \$738,586 from Salary Contingency and up to \$38,668 from Fuel Contingency to the Detention Center budget (84.64%), the Sheriff's budget (14.14%) and the CNT budget (1.22%) for holiday pay, (c) transfer \$125,000 from Restricted Contingencies to the Court Expenditures budget, (d) transfer \$11,500 from the ADA budget to Transfer out to CIP, (e) transfer \$17,066 from the Aquatic Center budget to Transfer Out to CIP, (f) transfer \$25,000 from the Tax Commissioner's budget to Transfer Out to CIP; 2) in the Multiple Grant Fund: (A) reduce revenues and expenditures \$128,000 de-obligation of funds, (b) increase revenues and expenditures \$49,759 for a supplemental grant award; 3) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: (A) increase revenues \$53,566 Transfer in from General Fund M&O, (b) increase the Aquatic Center project \$28,566 and the Tax Commissioner project \$25,000; 4) in the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Fund appropriate \$12,450 net assets for salaries; and 5) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$33,260 to the Counter Narcotics Team (CNT). Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried in a 7-1 vote with Commissioner Shabazz being the lone no vote. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2

AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O (a) transfer \$230,000 from the Indigent Health budget to Special Appropriations, (b) transfer up to \$738,586 from Salary Contingency and up to \$38,668 from Fuel Contingency to the Detention Center budget (84.64%), the Sheriff's budget (14.14%) and the CNT budget (1.22%) for holiday pay, (c) transfer \$125,000 from Restricted Contingencies to the Court Expenditures budget, (d) transfer \$11,500 from the ADA budget to Transfer out to CIP, (e) transfer \$17,066 from the Aquatic Center budget to Transfer Out to CIP, (f) transfer \$25,000 from the Tax Commissioner's budget to Transfer Out to CIP; 2) in the Multiple Grant Fund: (A) reduce revenues and expenditures \$128,000 de-obligation of funds, (b) increase revenues and expenditures \$49,759 for a supplemental grant award; 3) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: (A) increase revenues \$53,566 Transfer in from General Fund M&O, (b) increase the Aquatic Center project \$28,566 and the Tax Commissioner project \$25,000; 4) in the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Fund appropriate \$12,450 net assets for salaries; and 5) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$33,260 to the Counter Narcotics Team (CNT).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1a. The Assistant County Manager has requested a \$230,000 transfer from the Indigent Health budget to Special Appropriations for pension supplements. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 1b. The County Manager and Human Resources Director have requested the payout of holiday leave balances for the Sheriff, Detention Center, and CNT. The amount of the payout is \$777,254. Funds are available in the Salary and Fuel Contingency accounts for the payout. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 1c. Court expenditures have exceeded the budget. A transfer of \$125,000 is being requested to cover expenditures for the remainder of the Fiscal year. Funds are available in the Restricted Contingencies accounts. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 1d. The Human Resources Director has requested a transfer of \$11,500 from the ADA budget to the Aquatic Center CIP project. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 1e. The Public Works and Park Services Director has requested a transfer of \$17,066 from the Aquatic Center operating budget to the Aquatic Center CIP project. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 1f. The Tax Commissioner has requested a \$25,000 transfer from his General Fund M&O operating budget to the Tax Commissioner CIP budget for furniture and equipment needed for the renovation and expansion at the 295 Police Memorial Drive Tag Office. A staff report is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 2a. Funds originally awarded to Juvenile Court for the juvenile Justice Incentive Grant we de-obligated \$128,000. An amendment to the Multiple Grant Fund is needed. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 2b. Juvenile Court has been awarded a supplemental grant in the amount of \$49,759 from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
3. The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Aquatic Center project is being amended \$28,566 to cover the costs of a new ADA bathroom and the Tax Commissioner's project is being increased \$25,000 for furniture at the 295 Police Memorial Drive Tag Office. A resolution is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
4. An appropriation of \$12,450 Net Assets is needed to cover salaries in the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Enterprise Fund. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
5. The Counter Narcotics Team Director has requested Confiscated Funds appropriation of \$33,260 to purchase computers. A staff report and correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the General Fund M&O and the Confiscated Revenue Fund. The budget amendment establishes funds in the Multiple Grant, Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Enterprise Funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

- A) Transfer \$230,000 from the Indigent Health budget to Special Appropriations for pension supplements.
- B) Transfer up to \$738,586 from Salary Contingency and up to \$38,668 from Fuel Contingency to the Detention Center (84.64%), the Sheriff (14.14%) and CNT (1.22%) budgets.
- C) Transfer \$125,000 from Restricted Contingencies to the Court Expenditures budget.
- D) Transfer \$11,500 from the ADA budget to Transfer Out to CIP.
- E) Transfer \$17,066 from the Aquatic Center budget to Transfer Out to CIP.
- F) Transfer \$25,000 from the Tax Commissioner budget to Transfer Out to CIP.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND

- A) Decrease revenues and expenditures \$128,000 for the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant.
- B) Increase revenues and expenditures \$49,759 for a supplemental grant award to Juvenile Court.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND

- A) Increase revenues \$53,566 Transfer in From General Fund M&O
- B) Increase the Aquatic Center project \$28,566.
- C) Increase the Tax Commissioner project \$25,000.

BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES FUND

Appropriate \$12,420 Net Assets for salaries.

CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND

Appropriate \$33,260 to the Counter Narcotics Team to purchase computers.

2. Amend or deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law grants the Board authority to amend the budget during the year as it deems necessary.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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3. a. **TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR THE GENERAL FUND M&O AND ADOPT A MILLAGE LEVY RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.**

Chairman Scott said, item 3. Item 3, and (a).

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, point -- are we going to vote on these separately or all as one after you read them?

County Attorney Hart said, we need to follow the process as listed in -- we need to follow the process as listed in the agenda.

County Manager Smith said, separately.

Commissioner Center said, which is all as one?

County Attorney Hart said, no.

County Manager Smith said, no, separately.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, separately.

County Attorney Hart said, separately.

Commissioner Stone said, separately.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, item 3, item (a) to adopt the fiscal year 2016 resolution for General Fund M&O and adopt a millage levy resolution pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

Commissioner Center said, and that's in conformance with the amount the Chairman read earlier. Is that correct?

County Manager Smith said, that's correct.

Chairman Scott said, that's correct.

County Manager Smith said, with the recommendation from staff of alternative 1 on page 3.

Commissioner Center said, then -- then I -- are you ready for the motion on that?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, do you want to do it?

Commissioner Stone said, I have a question.

Commissioner Center said, do you want me to move first?

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, I -- I move that we adopt Item (a) as written.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Scott said, is there a second?

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, any questions or unreadiness? Commissioner Kicklighter of the 7th.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, could you please state for the record the current millage rate as of right now?

County Manager Smith said, that is 11 -- let me make sure I'm getting it right, Amy. We're going to 11.543.

Chairman Scott said, that's what the current rate is.

County Manager Smith said, current.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. The current millage rate is 11.543.

County Manager Smith said, is 11.543.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, the proposed millage rate that we are about to vote on?

County Manager Smith said, 11.543.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, just so the public's very much aware --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, we are not changing the millage rate at all. Thank you.

County Manager Smith said, the way it's advertised and the way it has to be done by the state is very confusing.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, very, very confusing.

County Attorney Hart said, that's why we're doing the motions the way we're doing them.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, I will repeat the millage rate is remaining flat. 2014 it was 11.543 and what's being proposed is 11.54 -- is --

County Manager Smith said, 11.543.

Chairman Scott said, -- 11.543. All in favor of the motion -- any -- any further unreadiness? Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, I'm going to bring this up on the second one for the SSD. I just want to make certain that as I brought up in the Green Room that the increases reflected in this budget for the police merger still recognizes a overall decrease --

County Manager Smith said, of almost \$2 million.

Commissioner Stone said, -- in the -- in the proposed framework.

County Manager Smith said, yes. In the proposed framework based on, and obviously it's contingent upon your approving it as recommended. We'll bring the actual contract back to you shortly, you would have a savings of approximately \$2 million.

Commissioner Stone said, okay, but that's very difficult to understand if you read through this material. It looks like there are just increases.

County Manager Smith said, sure.

Commissioner Stone said, so I just want to -- I'll say that again for the -- before we vote on the Special Service District budget.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, all right. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, any further unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Item (a) --

Commissioner Brady said, Item b.

Commissioner Holmes said, b.

Chairman Scott said, is -- is adopted.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to adopt the fiscal year 2016 budget resolution for General Fund M&O and adopt a millage levy resolution pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3a
AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Amy J. Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To adopt the Fiscal Year 2016 budget resolution for the General Fund M&O and adopt a millage levy resolution pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

In addition, authorize the Chairman to sign Form PT-35 County Millage Rate Certification and Form PT 32.1 computation of Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes for Tax Year 2015. The Forms are required to be certified and submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue for digest approval for tax year 2015.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County is required by law to adopt balanced annual budgets for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project length budgets can be adopted for Capital Improvement Funds. A tax levy resolution must be submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue. The Tax Assessor has scheduled delivery of the resolution during the week of July 27, 2015.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Fiscal Year 2016 Recommended Budget was distributed to the Board on May 8, 2015. The total General Fund Recommended budget was \$169,766,927.

2. A budget public hearing was held during the Chatham County Commission meeting on May 22, 2015. Copies of the proposed budget were made available in the Finance Department and at Chatham County branches of the Live Oak Public Library.
3. By law, Chatham County is required to wait one week after the budget public hearing before adopted budget resolutions. Budget adoption was advertised on Thursday, May 14, 2015 in the *Savannah Morning News* for adoption on Friday, June 26, 2015.
4. If the proposed budget and millage rate are not adopted on June 26, 2015, the Board must revise the budget calendar and re-advertise at least fourteen days prior to millage adoption in accordance with state law. Adoption of continuing resolutions would be required in order to have a budget in place after the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2015. The continuing resolution would be based on the Fiscal Year 2015 amended budget.
5. The recommended 2015 millage will remain at 11.543 mills, which reflects a continuance of the decrease made in 2014 for the SPLOST funds repurposing.
6. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement was published on June 11, 2015 in the *Savannah Morning News* as required by State law. The published net General Fund millage rate of 11.543 is less than the rollback rate of 11.060 calculated by the Tax Assessor's office on Form PT 32.1.
7. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement also includes a computation for a rollback millage rate associated with the collection of local option sales tax as required by O.C.G.A. 48.8.91. Note that this rollback rate is different from the millage rollback rate calculated by the Tax Assessor's office. It is computed to be 1.30 mills and is included in the millage levy resolution as required by State law.
8. Several issues have come about subsequent to the preparation of the proposed budget. They are noted herein as items a-1 and are summarized in Attachment 1 (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). They have been included in the revised budget totaling \$169,978,087 as recommended for adoption.
 - a) Increase in property taxes of \$3,270,691. The budget was developed with the assumption of a 1% increase in the tax digest. The actual increase as calculated by the Tax Assessor was 4.37%.
 - b) Decrease property tax revenues \$2,990,198. Although the digest in total increased 4.37% it is anticipated that certain sectors, which compose roughly 50% of the digest increase, will contest the valuations. The allowance for doubtful accounts is consistent with conservative budgeting.
 - c) Decreased revenue \$21,500 for the Indirect Cost Allocation from the Parking Garage Fund.
 - d) Decreased expenditures \$182,650 as a result of the proposed agreement with the City of Savannah as it pertains to the Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department, for Emergency Telephone 911 expenditures.
 - e) Decreased expenditures \$174,093 due to the creation of a Department of Safety within the Risk Management Fund. The Driver Training Officer and ADA Coordinator functions will be moved to that fund.
 - f) Decreased expenditures \$182,402 by bringing the operational budget for CNT back in to the County.
 - g) Increased expenditures \$5,797 for a position reclassification in the Fleet Department recommended by Human Resources.
 - h) Increased expenditures \$175,000 for additional resources at the Department of Family and Children.
 - i) Increased expenditures \$22,000 to restore funding for recreation programs.
 - j) Increased salary expenses \$256,250 for an increase in the base wages for employees in the lowest classification.
 - k) Increased expenditures \$15,000 for operational expenditures within the Public Information Officer's budget.
 - l) Increased the transfer to Risk Management \$274,093 to cover the costs of the Driving Training Officer and ADA Coordinator, as well as an increase for the claims funding in Risk Management.
 - m) Decreased expenditures \$20,746 in Superior Court clerk's budget for office.
9. A listing of the new positions and reclassifications in the proposed budget is shown on Attachment II (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file.)

FUNDING:

Funding sources are identified in the budget resolution. Further detail is on file in the Chatham County Finance Department.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016 General Fund M&O budget resolution of \$169,978,087 incorporating the amendments to the proposed budget as summarized on Attachment I, and adoption of the year 2015 millage levy resolutions for a millage rate of 11.543 mills. The related millage levy and budget resolutions are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. That the Board provides other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires that annual budgets be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project-length budgets should be adopted for Capital Projects Funds. State law also requires that the Board adopt a tax levy resolution annually for submission of the digest to the State of Georgia. Department of Revenue (O.C.G.A. 48-5-302). Georgia law further specifies methods of publication to the County ad valorem tax rate (O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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3. b. TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT AND ADOPT A MILLAGE LEVY RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

Chairman Scott said, now we'll move on to (b) under 3, to adopt the fiscal year 2016 budget resolution for the Special Service District and adopt a millage and levy resolution pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1. And staff again is recommending --

County Manager Smith said, alternative 1.

Chairman Scott said, -- alternative 1.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, question.

Chairman Scott said, and that too the millage rate remains flat.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, question.

Commissioner Center said, do you want a motion first?

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, all right. I move that we adopt the fiscal year 2016 budget resolution for the Special Service District and adopt a millage rate resolution pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-3 --32.1 as written.

Chairman Scott said, is there a second?

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, second?

Commissioner Brady said, second.

Chairman Scott said, any unreadiness? I recognize Commissioner Kicklighter of the 7th District and then Commissioner Stone of the 1st.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the record, Mr. Manager, could you please state the current millage rate for the SSD budget?

County Manager Smith said, I haven't got my list out. Amy, it was still --

Ms. Davis said, 4.13.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. 4.13.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. And for the record, could you state the recommended millage rate for the Special Service District?

County Manager Smith said, the same 4.13.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, sir.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, notice it's unchanged also.

Commissioner Stone said, and again, my same question for the Special Service District. We are still recognizing an overall savings even though what's listed in here are increases in the proposed budget.

County Manager Smith said, that's correct, and I will -- and -- and these increases that you see in certain departments as I mentioned with Public Works, the thing that this is allowing us to do, which I think was a priority of this Board, was to find savings within the existing budget to be able to do things, for instance in Public Works out on highways, parks, and we're shifting those savings to do some of those things, a lot of those things this year, buying equipment and hiring people to get out and to get these things done that we have basically failed on.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further unreadiness? If not, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion is adopted.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to adopt the fiscal year 2016 budget resolution for the Special Service District and adopt a millage levy resolution. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3b
AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Amy Davis

ISSUE:

To adopt the Fiscal Year 2016 budget resolution for the Special Service District and adopt a millage levy resolution pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

In addition, authorize the Chairman to sign Form PT-35 County Millage Rate Certification and Form PT 32.1 computation of Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes for Tax Year 2014. The Forms are required to be certified and submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue for digest approval for tax year 2015.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County is required by law to adopt balanced annual budgets for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project length budgets can be adopted for Capital Improvement Funds. A tax levy resolution must be submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue. The Tax Assessor has scheduled delivery of the resolution during the week of July 27, 2015.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Fiscal Year 2016 Recommended Budget was distributed to the Board on May 8, 2015. The total Special Service District Recommended budget was \$30,049,370.
2. A budget public hearing was held during the Chatham County Commission meeting on May 22, 2015. Copies of the proposed budget were made available in the Finance Department and at Chatham County branches of the Live Oak Public Library.
3. By law, Chatham County is required to wait one week after the budget public hearing before adopted budget resolutions. Budget adoption was advertised on Wednesday, May 14, 2015 in the *Savannah Morning News* for adoption on Friday, June 26, 2015.
4. If the proposed budget and millage rate are not adopted on June 26, 2016, the Board must revise the budget calendar and re-advertise at least fourteen days prior to millage adoption in accordance with state law. Adoption of continuing resolutions would be required in order to have a budget in place after the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2015. The continuing resolution would be based on the Fiscal Year 2015 amended budget.

5. The recommended millage rate of 4.13 mills is equal to the 2014 rate.
6. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement was published on June 11, 2015 in the *Savannah Morning News* as required by State law. The published net Special Service District Fund millage rate of 4.13 is greater than the rollback rate of 4.074 calculated by the Tax Assessor's office on Form PT 32.1.
7. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement also includes a computation for a rollback millage rate associated with the collection of insurance premium tax as required by O.C.G.A 33-8-8.3. Note that this rollback rate is different from the millage rollback rate calculated by the Tax Assessor's office. It is computed to be 0.958 mills and is included in the millage levy resolution as required by State law.
8. Several issues have come about subsequent to the preparation of the proposed budget. They are noted herein as items a-k and are summarized in Attachment 1 (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). They have been included in the revised budget totaling \$30,484,687 as recommended for adoption.
 - a) The recommended budget was developed using an estimated tax digest growth of 1%. Actual growth of the tax digest was 1.37%, which provided a small increase of property tax revenue of \$420,560.
 - b) Decreased expenditures \$480,000 as a result of the proposed agreement with the City of Savannah as it pertains to the Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department, for the Emergency Telephone 911 expenditures.
 - c) Decrease expenditures \$40,405 due to the creation of a Department of Safety within the Risk Management Fund. The Driver Training Officer functions will be moved to that fund.
 - d) Increased expenditures \$250,000 to hire a consultant for the SCMPD merger analysis.
 - e) Increased expenditures \$154,780 for the difference between the original recommended SCMPD contract costs and the new proposed agreement.
 - f) Increased expenditures \$52,000 for a Public Safety Contract Administrator, which is a current position within the Finance Department. Salary and benefits are split between Police and Finance.
 - g) Increased expenditures \$178,000 for the purchase of vehicles for SCMPD. The total budget for SCMPD vehicles is \$340,000, with \$162,000 coming from Contingency in the Capital Improvement Fund.
 - h) Increased expenditures \$14,757 for salary adjustments in Engineering.
 - i) Increased expenditures \$73,000 for increased Core MPO dues.
 - j) Increase the transfer to Risk Management \$140,405 to cover the costs of the Driving Training Officer, as well as an increase for the claims funding in Risk Management.
 - k) Increased salary expenses \$92,780 for an increase in the base wages for employees in the lowest classifications.
9. Budget and millage levy resolutions for the General Fund M&O and other funds are attached to separate staff reports.
10. A listing of the new positions and reclassifications in the proposed budget is shown on Attachment II (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

Funding sources are identified in the budget resolution. Further detail is on file in the Chatham County Finance Department.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016 Special Service District Fund budget resolution of \$30,484,678 and adoption of the year 2015 millage levy resolutions for a millage rate of 4.13 mills (net of insurance premium tax rollback of 0.958mills). The related millage levy and budget resolutions are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. That the Board provides other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires that annual budgets be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project-length budgets should be adopted for Capital Projects Funds. State law also requires that the Board adopt a tax levy resolution annually for submission of the digest to the State of Georgia. Department of Revenue (O.C.G.A. 48-5-302). Georgia law further specifies methods of publication to the County ad valorem tax rate (O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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3. c. TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR THE COUNTY'S PROPRIETARY FUNDS, NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, AND CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS.

Chairman Scott said, we got item (c) under 3, to adopt the fiscal year 2016 budget resolution for the county proprietary fund, non-major special revenue funds, and the capital project funds. Is there a motion?

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Chairman Scott said, is there a second?

Commissioner Center said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to adopt the fiscal year 2016 budget resolution for the county's proprietary funds, non-major special revenue funds, and the capital project funds. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3c**AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015****TO:** Board of Commissioners**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager**FROM:** Amy Davis, Finance Director**ISSUE:**

To adopt the Fiscal Year 2016 budget resolution for the County's proprietary funds, non-major special revenue funds, and capital project funds.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County is required by law to adopt balanced annual budgets for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project length budgets can be adopted for Capital Improvement Funds.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Fiscal Year 2016 Recommended Budget was distributed to the Board on May 8, 2015. The total for all funds combined was \$441,429,986.
2. A budget public hearing was held during the Chatham County Commission meeting on May 22, 2015. Copies of the proposed budget were made available in the Finance Department and at Chatham County branches of the Live Oak Public Library.
3. By law, Chatham County is required to wait one week after the budget public hearing before adopted budget resolutions. Budget adoption was advertised on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 in the *Savannah Morning News* for adoption on Friday, June 26, 2015.
4. If the proposed budget and millage rate are not adopted on June 26, 2015, adoption of a continuing resolution will be required in order to have a budget in place after the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2015. The continuing resolution would be based on the Fiscal Year 2015 amended budget.
5. Several issues have come about subsequent to the preparation of the proposed budget. They are noted herein as items a-l and are summarized in Attachment I (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). They have been included in the revised combined budget of \$262,696,697 as recommended for adoption.

- a) Increased revenues for the transfer from General Fund and Special Service District to Risk Management \$274,093 to cover the costs of the Driving Training Officer, as well as an increase for the claims funding in Risk Management.
 - b) Increased expenditures \$214,498 in Risk Management for salaries and benefits of the ADA Coordinator and the Driving Training Officer.
 - c) Increased expenditures \$200,000 in Risk Management for claims and judgments.
 - d) Increased salary expenses in the following funds for an increase in the base wages for employees in the lowest classification.

Child Support Fund	\$ 880
Water Sewer Fund	600
Solid Waste Fund	6,730
Parking Garage Fund	3,090
Building Safety Fund	6,460
 - e) Decreased expenditure \$21,500 for the Indirect Cost Allocation to the General Fund.
 - f) Increased expenditures and revenues in the Sales Tax VI fund to reflect projects.
6. Budget resolutions for the General Fund M&O and Special Service District Funds are attached to separate staff reports. A separate staff report has also been provided for the Transit District millage levy.
7. Project budgets for the capital funds are attached to the budget resolution will be adopted upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2016 budget resolution.

FUNDING:

Funding sources are identified in the budget resolution. Further detail is on file in the Chatham County Finance Department.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board adopt the Fiscal Year 2016 budget resolution for the County's proprietary funds, non-major special revenue funds, and capital project funds, incorporating the amendments shown on Attachment I.
2. That the Board provides other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires that annual budgets be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project-length budgets should be adopted for Capital Projects Funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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4 TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE LEVY RESOLUTION FOR TAX YEAR 2015 [sic] FOR THE CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

Chairman Scott said, item 4 on the agenda is to adopt the millage levy resolution for tax year 2015 [sic] for the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any unreadiness?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I have a question.

Commissioner Stone said, I have a statement.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter of the 7th District.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Could you please state the current millage rate for Chatham Area Transit?

County Manager Smith said, they have a what? A --

Chairman Scott said, it's -- it's currently 1 mill.

County Manager Smith said, 1 -- 1 mill, and it's -- would stay at one mill.

Chairman Scott said, and what's being proposed is 1 mill.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so, once again, the identical proposal.

Ms. Davis said, for clarification this minutes [sic - agenda] shows year 2015, it should reflect 2016.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. But the millage rate is --

County Manager Smith said, the same.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- slated to stay the same?

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, I just have a comment.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner -- any -- any further inquiry, Commissioner Kicklighter?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no, sir.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to state that being a member of the transit board I believe this is one of the first time that they are -- actually have a budget that's operating in the black, and that we are paying down the line of credit and so this is a very positive move for this community, and I'm very pleased to be able to say that they have not increased the millage, and that they are actually operating in the black for the first time since I've been a Commissioner. So.

Commissioner Center said, and paying down our guarantee.

Commissioner Stone said, yes, and paying down the -- the line of credit.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, so, I think that's really a tremendous task, and I think that the staff at Chatham Area Transit needs to be commended for that.

Chairman Scott said, okay. We have a motion that we approve the millage levy resolution for tax year 2016 for the Chatham Area Transit Authority. We have a motion and second. Any further unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion is adopted.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to adopt the millage levy resolution for tax year 2016 for the Chatham Area Transit Authority. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-4
AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To adopt the millage levy resolution for Tax Year 2015 for the Chatham Area Transit Authority pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

In addition, authorize the Chairman to sign Form PT-35 County Millage Rate Certification and Form PT 32.1 computation of Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes for Tax Year

2015. The Forms are required to be certified and submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue for digest approval for tax year 2015.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County is required by law to adopt balanced annual budgets for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project length budgets can be adopted for Capital Improvement Funds. A tax levy resolution must be submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue. The Tax Assessor has scheduled delivery of the resolution during the week of July 27, 2015.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT) Fund is shown as a proprietary fund within the County's financial reports. The CAT Board approved a budget of \$21,154,472 at its meeting held May 19, 2015. The County's budget resolution includes a budget for the CAT Fund of \$21,154,472.
2. Although the CAT Board separately approves the millage rate for the Transit District, the County Board of Commissioners must authorize the related millage levy resolution. The CAT Board recommended a millage rate of 1.0 mill at its meeting held May 19, 2015. The millage levy resolution herein reflects adoption of a millage rate of 1.0 mill.
3. If the millage rate is not adopted on June 26, 2015, the Board must revise the calendar and re-advertise at least fourteen days prior to millage adoption in accordance with state law.
4. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement was published on June 10, 2015 in the *Savannah Morning News* as required by State law. The published net Chatham Area Transit Authority millage rate of 1.0 is greater than the rollback rate of .955 calculated by the Tax Assessor's office on Form PT 32.1. The current millage is 1.0 mill.
5. Budget and millage levy resolutions for the General Fund M&O and other funds are attached to separate staff reports.

FUNDING:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adoption of the millage levy resolution for the Chatham Area Transit Authority of 1.0 mill for Tax Year 2015. The related millage levy resolution is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. That the Board provide other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires that annual budgets be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project-length budgets should be adopted for Capital Projects Funds. State law also requires that the Board adopt a tax levy resolution annually for submission of the digest to the State of Georgia. Department of Revenue (O.C.G.A. 48-5-302). Georgia law further specifies methods of publication to the County ad valorem tax rate (O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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5. TO REQUEST THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THE MILLAGE LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016.

Chairman Scott said, item 5 on our Action Calendar, to request that the Board approve a resolution clarifying the millage levy for fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Is there a motion?

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Chairman Scott said, is there a second?

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve a resolution clarifying the millage levy for fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-5

AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Amy J. Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To request that the Board approve a Resolution clarifying the millage levy for fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

BACKGROUND:

On July 28, 2000, the County Commission approved the year 2000 Tax Levy. Prior to January 1, 2000, the adoption of the annual millage levy for the Chatham County government was for generating taxes for the County's fiscal year budget which was January 1 through December 31. With the change of the fiscal year effective in year 2000, it is necessary to clarify the tax year 2015 Millage Levy.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A meeting was held on September 25, 2000 with the County Attorney, Richard Tindol with the audit firm Karp, Ronning & Tindol, P.C., and the Finance Director of the County to discuss the year 2000 Millage Levy and the funding for the short fiscal year.
2. The County Auditor, Richard Tindol, with the audit firm Karp, Ronning & Tindol, P.C., requested that the County Commission clarify the application of the taxes from year 2000 Millage Levy for the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000.
3. The attached Resolution (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) is intended to clarify the Tax Levy for the tax year 2015.
4. The millage levy applies to all three taxing districts: the General Fund M&O, Special Service District Fund and Chatham Area Transit District Fund.

FUNDING:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires that the Board adopt a tax levy resolution annually for submission of the digest to the State of Georgia, Department of Revenue (Ga. Code 48-5-302).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the attached Resolution (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
 Prepared by Read DeHaven

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6 CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.

Chairman Scott said, item 6 on our agenda, we'll hear from the CNT Director Ragan with his monthly report.

CNT Director D. Everett Ragan said, good morning Mr. Chairman, Board. May 2015 narcotics monthly report. In cases, we had 44 -- again initial investigations initiated. The total number of investigations we cleared were 12. You can see the agency number assists, we assisted everything from Walgreens pharmacy tech being arrested for stealing drugs from behind the counter and cell phone forensics for Rincon in a major case that they had up there. Our -- our IT -- not our IT, but our intelligence guys were able to break -- break the codes on cell phones and retrieve the information on the cell phones pursuant to a search warrant. We assisted the postal inspector and Thunderbolt T -- TB -- PD and marshal service.

Director Ragan said, drugs seized, a little over \$5,000 worth for the month. Total year to date we're at \$540,752 we have seized. Again, if you see the breakdown in your chart, powder cocaine is the most we're seeing again now. We're not seeing -- not seeing as much crack -- crack, but we are seeing powder cocaine. Weapons seized, we only received -- seized one weapon for the -- for the month. Brought -- brought -- that brought us up to 90, and we only had nine arrests. How -- however, the -- the lack of arrests is very indicative of some behind the scenes investigations going on. Much more arrests anticipated shortly. Year to date for arrests, we have 134.

Director Ragan said, geographically, as far as I -- in -- individuals arrested, there were six in Savannah; one in Brunswick. You can see the disparity between nine and -- and seven that -- that we had two of the individuals we arrested basically were in reference to the methamphetamine case we did state-wide two months ago. One individual was finally apprehended by the U.S. Marshal service in Atlanta. We arrested and brought her. She's in the Chatham County Jail, and her husband was transferred from Wilcox State Prison for arraignment down in Chatham County Jail. He was arrested on that one.

Director Ragan said, drug complaints, we received one. Project logs from -- excuse me, project logs, we received one. Hot line and call in complaints, 14. The other stats you'll see are basically related to your Districts that -- for complaints that we had come in, arrests that we had, or search warrants that we did at those locations that -- in case your constituents have any information or -- or anything that they may want to talk about -- to you about or bring it up to you. Hours expended in the precincts, still so far this year, it's -- it's running about the way it's always does. Still spending a lot of time on the islands precinct. Again, that islands precinct encompasses the state streets off of Skidaway Road, Pennsylvania Avenue and that's where the issues -- the main issues are. That's where a lot of the gun violence has been. That's where we have been focusing a lot of our operations, assisting Metro with the gun violence and with drug sales that are taking place over there.

Commissioner Center said, that -- that's the island precinct within the City of Savannah?

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and where's this -- where is this area located?

Director Ragan said, it's located off of Pennsylvania Avenue. You -- we call them the state streets, Texas Avenue, Tennessee Avenue, Illinois. It's the area south of Savannah High School. Actually south of islands expressway --

Commissioner Shabazz said, uh-huh.

Director Ragan said, -- all the way down off of Pennsylvania Avenue. Five Points and Skidaway.

Commissioner Shabazz said, uh-huh.

Director Ragan said, that's -- that's where a lot of the issues are occurring. So that's --

Commissioner Center said, and -- and with -- those are drug issues also? Not just gun shootings?

Director Ragan said, no. No. Those are drug issues.

Commissioner Center said, all right.

Director Ragan said, those are drug issues. A lot of drug issues that we have. We've done a -- a couple over in the Gordonston area. Made a couple of arrests, and you've seen in the press earlier this month to some arrests we've made over in the Gordonston area, so --

Commissioner Shabazz said, the Gordonston area is where?

Director Ragan said, the Gordonston area runs just east of -- excuse me, just -- it is just west of Pennsylvania Avenue off of -- over there by where the old Shuman High -- Shuman Junior High School used to be.

Chairman Scott said, east of Skidaway too.

Director Ragan said, east of Skidaway, yes, sir, it does. East of Skidaway.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all the way to Bee Road?

Director Ragan said, no, sir. It runs actually back down to -- down to Skidaway Road and back over to Henry Street. Cuts through the middle of it.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Director Ragan said, okay? Municipalities you see, again, the City of Savannah's leading the way, but we are continually working within all of Chatham County. Number of hours we -- we logged in for the unincorporated areas were 283 hours; municipalities 402; and 1819 with all precincts. Significant events we've had have been -- it will tie in a bit to the Power Point that I'll be giving you in a few minutes. We've got off on Abercorn Street, two females using back page selling drugs and prostitution. We -- an undercover officer made contact, was able to purchase drugs from one. She ratted on her friend, and we arrested both of them. So, two arrests for those. The Royal Oaks apartments out off of Eisenhower Drive, we had information on drug sales off -- off Eisenhower at Royal Oaks apartments. Arrested a husband and wife. MDA, you'll see the -- that's a photograph of the MDA you'll see on significant events, and you'll see it again in the Power Point that I'm -- I'll show. And then again in April we did the arrest with the methamphetamines and -- case and a couple of people that were absconders, were not in our custody, we were able to make and -- and bring them into our custody -- custody.

Director Ragan said, this month's Power Point we're going to talk a little bit about things that we have -- some things that we have talked about, bath salts, spice, this type of thing. It's -- going back to the MDA, the molly, the moon rocks, E, X, beans. And we're going to take it through three parts, the product, what the product is, and the party and the price, and we'll show just how wide it's -- it's spreading again so fast. It's been around a while. Originated around 1910. 1941 it was tested as therapy for Parkinson's and in '49 to '57 500 patients were given MDA to study possible use as anti-depressant and weight loss supplement. U.S. Army used it experimenting with drugs. Code named -- code named EA-1290. Developed a truth drug or incapacitating drug. Recreational dose of MDA is commonly between 100 and 160 milligrams. Durations of effects, usually six to eight hours. MDA began to appear on the recreational drug scene around 1963 to '64. It's used as a recreational love drug due to its enhancement of empathy.

Director Ragan said, product travel. It's not produced here in the United States. The major producers of the MDA, the molly, the spice, the flakka, is Indonesia and China. There are over 2,000 labs or companies in China that make the precursors to create the spice and the molly. The thing about it is -- is if they disburse it in China, they are given the death sentence. If they export it to the United States and to Europe and to Great Britain, then it's no -- the Chinese government has no problem with it's money making. So -- so it is -- it's -- that's where it's being produced at and sent over.

Chairman Scott said, so it's a crime if it's distributed in China. It's capitalism if they distribute it abroad.

Director Ragan said, absolutely. Yes, sir. Yes, sir. And you can see it's made it's way to the -- to the -- from the young folks to the clubs. You've seen the -- that's the L.A. Coliseum, the European, were much larger, what they used to call raves, and still call raves. 1990s the MDMA arrives at the club scene. The extra M for mixed amphetamine or Viagra because of it's sexual potency. It's effects last for three to five hours. It causes a less psychedelic effect -- like effects than MDA, and it's more predictable than MDA, and it's best named for it's enhancement of the experience of dancing and sex. That's M, that's molly. That's what they call molly. You'll -- when you hear molly on the street.

Commissioner Center said, do you have a picture of what it looks like?

Director Ragan said, molly? Yes, sir. It's coming up next.

Commissioner Center said, all right.

Director Ragan said, okay. The --

Commissioner Center said, I'm -- I'm one of those patients.

Director Ragan said, sir?

Commissioner Center said, go ahead.

Commissioner Farrell said, he's getting married tomorrow.

Director Ragan said, now -- I wasn't going to go there. But anyway.

Commissioner Farrell said, just saying.

Director Ragan said, this -- and -- and the reason I'm -- I'm preparing -- I prepared and had this one prepared --

Commissioner Center said, those -- those are two of my talents, dancing and sex.

Director Ragan said, yeah -- yeah -- well, it's -- it's one heck of a reception. But anyway, the -- the reason I'm preparing this is because -- and now as it's -- as it's been named it's MDA, molly, spice, bath salts, now it's coming the flakka. I don't know if you've been keeping up with the internet, and if you go in and talk about flakka, it's a new name that's coming out of Florida for the use of it and then Alabama, and I can tell you that the -- the emergency room visits and the deaths caused in Florida and in Alabama are -- has -- has risen about 30 percent within the last year. From January to June of this year there was probably 400 cases of overdoses in the -- in Alabama in reference to this type of drug. We saw it last year in our Brunswick area. One batch of spice put 29 people in the hospital. Killed one. So it's -- it's that close. Flakka is made of a compound called

alpha PVP. It's a chemical cousin of Cathinones, the amphetamine-like drug found in bath salts. Street name gravel because of the pebble like structure, and they're all cousins. You can let them -- the little -- the -- the little open bottle right there with the pinkish type of tint to it, that's what you call your bath salts and your molly and it all basically looks like that.

Director Ragan said, and it's all about money. It's all about money. You can go -- if you have a -- shall we say a smoke shop or something, you can go on line. You can strike up a conversation with somebody in China, get invoiced back and to. A very, very successful operation that was done just outside of Johnson City, Tennessee. It was operation gravel road. Finished up just -- about two months ago. I was privy to a conference about the operation. They actually set up an undercover operation with a -- a fake smoke shop, and the people from China were sending out emails, of course, under fictitious names, and they made contact with them, and here's the bottom line. You have an investment price of about \$1500 a kilogram. That's about 2.2 pounds. Sale price is \$4 to \$5 for one tenth of a gram. You're looking at a profit on your kilogram of \$50,000 to make selling this stuff.

Director Ragan said, DEA reports over 20,000 crime -- crime lab reports that they've had so far of flakka in 2014. Again, here's the parties. Largest raves in North America, the LA Coliseum. 185,000 people. Largest clubs in the United States, we see those. Again, they host the raves. Typically, what you see at these raves, it's a mixture of young folks, all ethnicities. They're there to party, and that's what they do when they get high on this stuff. Generally, they go to like a converted warehouse, coliseum. You'll see they -- again, the lights are on, nobody's home. You get the blank stare when you're sitting there smoking. LA, the hospital, we treat these -- these events like mass casualties. Tuesday -- two day events results in 120 people require transport by paramedics to local hospitals. Eighteen overdoses tied to a New Year's party in the arena.

Director Ragan said, flakka, this is what's coming our way up from Florida. These are just headlines off the internet. Man runs naked down the -- main street; Florida man impales himself on an iron fence; Boyton woman leaves a one year old baby in a Wal-Mart parking lot; 56-year-old man beats 86-year-old grandmother; and Miami man damages police station, all under the influence of this type of drug. When we talk about the party drugs that means we talk -- have to mention the sexual assaults on women. The following statistics are from *The Sexual Victimization of College Women*. 94 percent of the completed and attempted rape cases, the offenders were known to the victim. 75 percent of all acquaintance rapes involve alcohol and/or drugs, and less than five percent of completed and attempted rapes were reported to law enforcements. So, a word that if we ever see anything come across for permission for a rave, that's one we can -- we should -- we need to stamp no on right away, because this is where -- this is were it breeds. Any questions?

Commissioner Center said, I -- I do. Yes.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, I want to go back, starting on -- on page one, I have some questions. The cell phone forensics for the Rincon PD, we have our own cell phone forensics or we use the Armstrong group?

Director Ragan said, we have our own.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Director Ragan said, we do use -- we do use Armstrong when it's something we can't get into, but I have agents who have been to FLETC and have been to special two- and three- week courses to break into -- not break into but for -- extract information from cell phones, so they are -- if we can't get into it, we'll take it to Armstrong, but we have our own.

Commissioner Center said, all right. And then on -- on page 3, you've got ninety weapons seized year to date. Do we have an annual sale or a quarterly -- 'cause now that the law requires you to put those back on the street basically.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir. We sell them. I think so far we have sold 40 to 45 weapons. What we do is we bundle them, purchasing puts -- puts them on -- on a website, and purchasing handles all of the sales on that. Has been -- this money goes back into the general fund. It's -- we can't keep it for seized assets or anything of that nature. It goes back into the general fund, and I think we're -- I -- I can't remember off the top of my head, but -- but I'd have to check on my numbers that we've already reimbursed. We've sold 45-50 guns, I believe so far.

Commissioner Center said, to different buyers or --

Director Ragan said, yes, sir. What happens is it -- it goes on the internet, and there are bids placed on a bundle. We bundle them as -- groups of five. A person comes over with the internet bid. That person has to be a fully FFI, federal firearms person, licensed to be able to buy and sell weapons commercially, and they come in, and they show us the -- purchasing approves it -- the bid. They come in and they show us I -- proper ID, and make a copy of the license, and we send the guns with them.

Commissioner Center said, all right. And -- and my --

Chairman Scott said, that's -- that's bad law.

Commissioner Center said, it is a terrible law.

Director Ragan said, it's terrible law.

Commissioner Center said, but, my next question. I'm looking on page 4, com stat report. Call from an inmate.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, someone who's incarcerated called and gave you a tip?

Director Ragan said, all the time.

Commissioner Center said, all the time? Okay.

Commissioner Brady said, he don't want to be there by himself.

Director Ragan said, we -- we get calls, and we get letters all the time.

Commissioner Center said, thank you very much.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Stone said, misery loves company.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For Information Only.

[NOTE: CNT monthly Report filed in Clerk of Commission's meeting file.]

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

<p>The Board can entertain one motion to adopt the below-listed calendar. Such motion would mean adoption of staff's recommendation. Any Board Member may choose to pull an item from the calendar and it would be considered separately.</p>

Chairman Scott said, next up is the Action Calendar. In our pre-meeting no one indicated they wished to take anything off, so at this time I'll entertain some -- entertain a motion to approve the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Any unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The Action Calendar is approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 13 and under Item 13 Items A through S. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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[NOTE: ACTION OF THE BOARD IS SHOWN ON EACH ITEM AS THOUGH AN INDIVIDUAL MOTION WAS MADE THEREON.]

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2015, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2015, as mailed. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 4, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 17, 2015.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of June 4, 2015 through June 17, 2015, in the amount of \$12,297,991. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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**3. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT LIMITED AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SAVANNAH TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A NEW CUL-DE-SAC AT THE END OF EAST WHITE HAWTHORNE DRIVE.
[DISTRICT 6]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for authorization for the Chairman to execute an easement limited agreement with the City of Savannah to construct and maintain a new cul-de-sac at the end of East White Hawthorne Drive. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE:

To authorize the Chairman to execute an Easement Limited Agreement with the City of Savannah to construct and maintain a new cul-de-sac at the end of East White Hawthorne Drive.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Savannah quitclaimed a portion of a parcel of land (PIN 1-1004-01-028) to Chatham County for construction of a new cul-de-sac at the end of East White Hawthorne Drive. The Easement Limited Agreement allows the City to continue to maintain any existing facilities (water and sanitary sewer) within the quitclaim area.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The City of Savannah owns the parcel at the end of the existing right of way for East White Hawthorne Drive. The City agrees to quitclaim a portion of this parcel to Chatham County for construction of a new cul-de-sac.
2. Staff completed construction plans for the new cul-de-sac. The plans and bid documents are complete and ready for advertisement, pending execution of the Easement Limited Agreement.
3. The easement was reviewed and approved by the County Attorney as to legal form.

FUNDING:

No funds are required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To authorize the Chairman to execute an Easement Limited Agreement with the City of Savannah to construct and maintain a new cul-de-sac at the end of East White Hawthorne Drive.
2. To not authorize the Easement with the City of Savannah.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board must approve easements.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve Alternative 1.
District 6

Prepared by: Nathaniel Panther, P.E.

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4. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE DECLARATION OF CONSERVATION COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR THE 100.24-ACRE TRACT OF LAND (PARCEL 1-1029-06-004) ACQUIRED BY CHATHAM COUNTY FOR WETLANDS MITIGATION BETWEEN HIGHWAY 17 AND CHIEF O.F. LOVE ROAD. [DISTRICT 6.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of the Declaration of Conservation Covenants and Restrictions for the 100.24-acre tract of land acquired by Chatham County for wetlands mitigation between Highway 17 and Chief O.F. Love Road. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE:

To approve the Declaration of Conservation Covenants and Restrictions for the 100.24-acre tract of land (Parcel 1-1029-06-004) acquired by Chatham County for wetlands mitigation between Highway 17 and Chief O.F. Love Road.

BACKGROUND:

The Board confirmed the purchase acquiring the tract of land on November 3, 2006.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued an Individual Permit on May 29, 2012 for construction of the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway Extension and for construction of a grade separated, limited access interchange at the intersection of Jimmy DeLoach Parkway and U.S. 80. The permit provides for use of the 100.24 acre tract as wetland mitigation for temporary and permanent wetland impacts associated with both projects.
2. The Declaration of Conservation Covenants and Restrictions provide for the mitigation activities and the preservation of the site. The Covenants also provide certain restrictions on the tract of land exclusively for conservation purposes in order that it shall remain substantially in its restored, enhanced, preserved, open, natural and/or scenic condition, in perpetuity.
3. The mitigation credits generated by the tract of land are to be exclusively used for the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway Extension and Interchange projects. They cannot be used for any other County project.
4. The County Attorney reviewed the Declaration of Conservation Covenants and Restrictions and found it to be acceptable as to legal form.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve the Declaration of Conservation Covenants and Restrictions for the 100.24-acre tract of land (Parcel 1-1029-06-004) acquired by Chatham County for wetlands

mitigation between Highway 17 and Chief O.F. Love Road.

2. To not approve the Declaration.

FUNDING:

None required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board must approve covenants on County property.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board approve Alternative 1.

District 6

Prepared by: Nathaniel Panther, P.E.

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5. **REQUEST BOARD RECORD THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR VILLAGE AT AUTUMN LAKE PHASE THREE, ACCEPT THE OWNERS WARRANTY AGREEMENT AND FINANCIAL GUARANTEE, APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTED IMPROVEMENTS, INITIATE THE TWELVE MONTH WARRANTY PERIOD AND COMBINE THIS PHASE WITH THE EXISTING VILLAGE AT AUTUMN LAKE STREETLIGHT ASSESSMENT RATE DISTRICT.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to record the subdivision plat for Village at Autumn Lake Phase Three, accepts the Owners Warranty Agreement and financial guarantee, approve the constructed improvements, initiate the twelve month warranty period and combine this phase with the existing Village at Autumn Lake streetlight assessment rate district. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5

AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE:

Request Board record the subdivision plat for Village at Autumn Lake Phase Three, accepts the Owners Warranty Agreement and financial guarantee, approve the constructed improvements, initiate the twelve month warranty period and combine this phase with the existing Village at Autumn Lake streetlight assessment rate district.

BACKGROUND:

The engineer, Thomas and Hutton, for the developer, Autumn Lake Development Co., LLC, completed construction of Village at Autumn Lake Phase Three per the approved construction plans and requests the County record the plat, accept the Owners Warranty Agreement, approve the constructed improvements, initiate the twelve month warranty period and combine this phase with the existing Village at Autumn Lake streetlight assessment rate district.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Village at Autumn Lake is a residential subdivision located on Berwick Boulevard. Phase three of the Village at Autumn Lake consists of 32 lots on 12.189 acres. Paving and street drainage will be maintained by the Village at Autumn Lake Homeowners Association. Water and sanitary sewer systems are owned and maintained by Consolidated Utilities, Inc.
2. Staff approved construction plans and issued a permit. The required site improvements are complete. They were inspected and found to be acceptable.
3. The developer withheld 10% of the total available lots (3 out of 32 total lots labeled as "Parcel 'A'" on the plat), of Village at Autumn Lake Phase Three as per the Chatham County Subdivision Regulations. The remaining 10% of the total lots cannot be further subdivided until the 12-month warranty period expires.

4. The developer request that the County combine this phase with the existing Village at Autumn Lake streetlight assessment rate district. Georgia Power installed nine streetlights for the Village at Autumn Lake Phase Three. The initial assessment per lot will be \$65.00 (Street Lighting Rate 07). The assessment is collected by Chatham County to maintain the streetlights. At the end of the warranty period, Chatham County will maintain the streetlights.
5. An Environmental Site Assessment was previously conducted on the subdivision in accordance with the Subdivision Ordinance. No environmentally unsafe conditions were found on this site.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board record the subdivision plat for Village at Autumn Lakes Phase Three, accept the Owners Warranty Agreement and financial guarantee, approve the constructed improvements, initiate the twelve month warranty period and combine this phase with the existing Village at Autumn Lake streetlight assessment rate district.
2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

This action is consistent with the subdivision regulations regarding the creation of lots through plat recording.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 7

Prepared By: Chris Rains

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**6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WHICH COULD ENABLE SLIP 1 ON HUTCHINSON ISLAND TO BECOME PRIVATELY DEVELOPED INTO A MARINA.
[DISTRICT 3.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a amendment to a development agreement which could enable Slip 1 on Hutchinson Island to become privately developed into a marina. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6

AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Michael A. Kaigler, Asst. County Manager

ISSUE:

To approve an Addendum to a Development Agreement which would enable Slip 1 on Hutchinson Island to be come privately developed into a marina.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2010, Chatham County and CSX Realty Development entered into a Development Agreement for the private development of a marina within Slip 1 on Hutchinson Island (see Attachment 1: Locator Map attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file.) Chatham County holds title to the 5.98-acre slip east of the Westin Resort, while a private developer, Savannah Harbor Associates, plans a 30-acre riverfront development on the adjoining tract. Since execution of the Development Agreement, the developer completed a marketing study and determined the slip should be reshaped to maximize the number of slips and turning radius within the marina. The developer would convey upland area to increase the County's ownership of Slip 1 by 2.0 acres, or a total of 8.88 acres (see Attachment 2: Modification Map attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). The County would also need to modify plans for the planned public riverwalk, which would follow the land-based perimeter of the slip on County-owned land.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Addendum to the Development Agreement is attached (Attachment 3 attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). In summary, the Addendum changes two provisions within the previously-executed Development Agreement and clarifies the original intent as follows:
 - Expands Slip 1 (County owned) to 8.88 acres by the developer's conveying an additional 2.9 acres of upland into County ownership, as included within the Addendum on the plat which revises land ownership. Of the 2.9 acres, 2.07 acres of additional county land for Slip 1 would be dredged. This will require filing a minor subdivision (subdividing the additional 2.9 acres from developer's land.)
 - Restates the purpose of the Development Agreement to keep separate public and private projects; the terms of the County's lease of Slip 1 to the developer for private investment to construct and operate the marina will be negotiated at a future date.
2. The original boundaries of Slip 1 became established by surveying the existing rectangular shape, which Seaboard Airlines developed as docking for cargo ships in the early 1900s. According to marina operators, the better design for the basin for recreational purposes would be a radius along the slip's eastern edge. Preliminary plans call for phasing private development and operation of the marina (County's only obligation would be to lease Slip 1) for up to 90 boats. Open to the public, the marina would also add to the area's tourism market by providing docking mid-way between Charleston and Jacksonville and with proximity to the Landmark Historic District.
3. Plans for the riverwalk extension around the land-based perimeter of Slip 1 will need to be modified to complement the revised profile of the slip's eastern edge but also to update the 2003 document. The developer has agreed to guarantee the cost of the additional engineering if the riverfront development does not proceed. At full development, the private investment of the multi-use riverfront development would yield about \$12 million annually in new public tax revenue.
4. Funding of \$1.05 million remains available per the approved 1998-2003 SPLOST Project, Hutchinson Island Riverwalk Extension. In addition, the County Engineer's Office has secured \$1 million in GDOT funding for pedestrian walkway projects. While the Governor vetoed \$3.5 million in funding in the State's 2016-2017 budget, after conveyance of all lands for the riverwalk extension into state ownership, state funding could be pursued.
5. Because the 2.07 acres will be converted from upland into the water basin, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Savannah District is requiring an additional cultural resources study (i.e. archeological) and soils analysis. The private developer has agreed to fund this expense as well as the additional cost of surveying/platting the land changes.
6. The County Attorney's Office has reviewed the Amendment and agrees to its legal form.

FUNDING:

No funding is required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board vote to approve the Addendum to the Development Agreement as presented, or amend it as deemed necessary, and authorize staff to record the revised plat and then convey any county-owned property along the riverwalk route to the State of Georgia as may be needed for the purposes of obtaining state funding.
2. That the Board vote not to approve the Addendum and maintain the provisions of the Development Agreement.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The investment into public infrastructure along the Savannah River not only provides public amenities but also boosts the economic engine of tourism. Since the County's initial investment in Hutchinson Island, the public projects included future development of a yachting basin as part of the Riverwalk Extension. While Chatham County never intended to own nor operate the marina, the County needs to protect its investment of improvements funded with public dollars and ensure any agreement recovers substantial public benefit in sue and return in new tax revenues. This Addendum will ensure this goal will be met.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO RENEW THE ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ONLY (ASO) CONTRACT WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD HEALTH PLAN OF GEORGIA TO PROVIDE HEALTH CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION SERVICES TO CHATHAM COUNTY.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to renew the annual Administrative Services Only contract with Blue Cross Blue shield Health Plan of Georgia to provide health claims administration services to Chatham County. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7

AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Carolyn A. Smalls, Human Resources Director

ISSUE:

Request Board approval to renew the annual Administrative Services Only (ASO) contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield health Plan of Georgia to provide health claims administration services to Chatham County.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County's health plan is self-funded. Since 2002, the County has contracted with Blue Cross Blue Shield to provide claims administration services through an ASO agreement, which is subject to an annual renewal that begins on July 1 of each year.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The ASO Agreement contains various provisions for how health claims filed on behalf of members on the County's health plan will be administered and paid. The ASO also includes a provision for per member fees paid to Blue Cross for claims administration, as well as costs for prescription drugs services. The ASO includes individual stop-loss as well as aggregate stop-loss coverage provisions. These are threshold claim amounts that Chatham County will be liable for, before third party re-insurance provisions apply.
2. Changes that Chatham County made in its health plan that were approved by the Board on September 12, 2014, coupled with the fact that some of the ASO provisions had not been reviewed and updated in some time, provided Chatham County with an opportunity to review the appropriateness of certain cost features contained in the ASO.
3. Staff authorize Aon Hewitt, Chatham County's benefits consultants, to engage in negotiations with Blue Cross regarding the ASO fees, individual stop-loss, stop-loss aggregate, and pharmacy costs for the sole purpose of securing modernized ASO terms, fee reductions and cost savings. Based on these negotiations, as well as an analysis of Chatham County's health prescription drug plan provisions and ASO provisions and pricing, Aon Hewitt, Chatham County's benefits consultant, has made recommendations for changes.
4. Provisions negotiated by Aon Hewitt for these terms are on Attachment 1 (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file), showing FY2015 costs, contrasted with the FY2016 offer from Blue Cross, and the final negotiated terms. These changes amount to a net savings of \$1,456,804.
5. The ASO renewal represents significant savings for Chatham County and provides for a better managed claims administration process. Staff believes that these provisions are financially responsible, and in the best interests of Chatham County.

FUNDING:

Health Fund Budget (6509140)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to renew the annual Administrative Services Only (ASO) contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Plan of Georgia to provide health claims administration services to Chatham County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is consistent with Board policy to provide health insurance coverage to employees and retirees in a cost effective manner to the County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

Budget approval: Melva Sharpe

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- 8. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL'S (CJCC) FY16 JUVENILE JUSTICE INCENTIVE GRANT (CONTINUATION GRANT) ON BEHALF OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY JUVENILE COURT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$742,162. NO COUNTY MATCHING FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for authorization for the Chairman to accept a grant award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's FY16 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant on behalf of the Chatham County Juvenile Court in the amount of \$742,162. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-8

AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Adam J. Kennedy, Juvenile Court Administrator

ISSUE:

Request Authorization for the Chairman to accept a grant award from the criminal Justice Coordinating Council's (CJCC) FY16 Juvenile Justice incentive Grant (Continuation Grant) on behalf of the Chatham County Juvenile Court in the amount of \$742,162.00. NO LOCAL FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

BACKGROUND:

In 2011, the Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform was formed to study Georgia's Criminal Justice system, and was charged by Governor Deal with recommending policy changes. In 2013, the CJCC and the Juvenile Justice Incentive Funding Committee offered a request for proposals seeking local juvenile court projects that aim to reduce the number of youth served out of home. Chatham County submitted a grant request and received an award to implement Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Aggression Replacement Training (ART) with clients at the Juvenile Court. Funding was also received for this current budget year (FY15) to continue the current services.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has awarded a grant to Chatham County on behalf of the Juvenile Court in the amount of 742,162.00.
2. The Grant will allow the continuation of Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Aggression Replacement Training (ART) for appropriate youth involved with the Juvenile Court.
3. The grants effective dates are July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize Chairman to execute documents to accept the FY16 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Award in the amount of \$742,162.00.
2. Do not authorize Chairman to execute documents to accept the FY16 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Award in the amount of \$742,162.00.

FUNDING:

There is no county match required as part of this grant award. All funding will be from the State Grant.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Governor and state legislature has provided funding to assist counties in implementing evidence based programs that are designed to reduce the number of youth being committed to the Department

of Juvenile Justice. The County and its at risk families will continue to benefit from the continuation of this program in Chatham County.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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- 9. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE A PART-TIME GRANT FUNDED POSITION FOR CHATHAM COUNTY'S JUVENILE COURT FAMILY DEPENDENCY TREATMENT COURT (FDTC) AS A RESULT OF RECEIVING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS GRANT (\$173,712). IF FUTURE GRANT FUNDING IS NOT PROVIDED, THE POSITION WILL NOT BE FILLED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for authorization to create a part-time grant funded position for Chatham County's Juvenile Court Family Dependency Treatment Court as a result of receiving the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Courts Grant. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.].

AGENDA ITEM: X-9

AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Adam Kennedy, Juvenile Court Administrator

ISSUE:

Request Authorization for Commission to create a part time grant funded position for our Chatham County Juvenile Court's Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC) as a result of receiving the CJCC Accountability Court Grant.

BACKGROUND:

The Georgia Accountability Court (GAC) Funding Program was created in 2012 by the Georgia Legislature and by Governor Nathan Deal to provide courts with critical funding necessary to support the growth of Accountability Courts in Georgia to reduce the prison population. As a result of the recent grant award to Chatham County's Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC), funds were awarded to create a part time Parent Support Specialist position.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County received a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) in the amount of \$173,712 to continue funding of the Chatham County Juvenile Court's Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC).
2. Included in the grant budget is \$29,553 for salary and FICA to create a part time Parent Support Specialist position.
3. This position is 100% grant funded for th grant period of July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016. There are no county funds required for this position. If future grant funding is not provided, the position will not be filled.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize the creation of the grant funded Parent Support Specialist position.
2. Do not authorize the creation of the grant funded position.

FUNDING:

This position is 100% grant funded for the grant period of July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016. There are no county funds required for this position.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Governor and the State legislature has provided funding to assist counties in implementing evidence based programs that are designed to reduce the prison population. The county and its at risk families would benefit from the creation fo this grant funded Parent Support Specialist position.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative #1.

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10. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A ONE-TIME PENSION SUPPLEMENT FOR COUNTY RETIREES.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a one-time pension supplement for county retirees. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-10
AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Assistant County Manager

ISSUE:

Board approval of a one-time pension supplement for County retirees.

BACKGROUND:

Eligible County retirees receive monthly benefits from the County’s defined benefit pension plan based on a formula that combines years of credited service with 2% of final average earnings. These benefits accrue over the employee’s working career. Cost of living adjustments (COLAs) are not a built-in feature of the pension plan. This is because they increase the overall plan liability by impacting both current year and future year benefits. In prior years, retiree COLAs were provided on an ad-hoc basis with the last COLA approved in 2008.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Eligible County retirees receive benefits from the County’s defined benefit pension plan based on a formula that combines years of credited service with 2% of final average earnings. These benefits accrue over the employee’s working career.
2. The defined benefit plan does not include any provisions for automatic cost of living adjustments to calculated benefits. The Pension Board is not supportive at this time of retiree COLAs that increase the plan’s liability by impacting both current and future year costs. However, the Pension Board has expressed support for a one-time pension supplement which would be funded directly by the General Fund and therefore would not increase the plan’s liability. Since the last retiree COLA occurred in 2008, it is anticipated that the supplement would be welcomed by retirees.
3. Funds are available in the fiscal year 2015 budget for the one-time supplement. The supplement would be paid to approximately 590 pensions in July 2015. The supplement amount is graduated, based on annual benefits received. The proposed scale is:

<u>Annual \$ Benefit</u>	<u>One Time Supplement</u>
1,000-4,999	\$ 125
5,000-9,999	\$ 225
10,000-14,999	\$ 325
15,000-19,999	\$ 425
20,000 plus	\$ 525

FUNDING:

The one-time pension supplement would be funded by a \$230,000 contribution from the General Fund to the Pension Trust Fund in fiscal year 2015, pending the approval of related budgetary transfers.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board of Commissioners provides funding for the County’s defined benefit pension plan through annual contributions to the Pension Trust Fund. Approval of the one-time supplement would not increase the plan’s pension liability since the expenses would not be reoccurring.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the one-time pension supplement for County retirees, payable in July 2015, or
2. Provide other direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1 is recommended.

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- 11. REQUEST TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR) FOR A SPECIAL EVENT (FUNDRAISER/BENEFIT) AT THE FOREST CITY GUN CLUB, 9203 FERGUSON AVENUE, 31406. PETITIONER: JOHN T. WILCHER FOR A FUNDRAISER/BENEFIT. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD JULY 23, 2015.
[DISTRICT 1.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a request to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer, wine and liquor) for a special event at the Forest City Gun Club, 9203 Ferguson Avenue. The petitioner is John T. Wilcher. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-11
AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Gregori S. Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services
Joseph Lumpkin, Sr., Chief of Police

ISSUE:

Permit to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event in Chatham County on July 23, 2015.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **Forest City Gun Club**, through applicant **John T. Wilcher** has filed a Special Event Application for a fundraiser/benefit to be held at 9203 Ferguson Avenue. The applicant has the intent to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, and liquor) at the event.
2. Section 16-134(4) of the Chatham County Business/Occupational Tax Ordinance requires approval of the County Commissioners to issue a temporary permit to dispense alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.
3. The ordinance grants the Board of Commissioners discretion to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Grant permit to allow the dispensing and consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the requested special event at 9203 Ferguson Avenue.
2. Deny permit.
3. Provide direction to staff.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Alcoholic Beverages Code prohibits the sale, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages during a special event without a permit and approval of the Board of Commissioners.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Alternative No. 1

District 1

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- 13. REQUEST TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (BEER ONLY) FOR A SPECIAL EVENT (FUNDRAISER) AT 36 WILMINGTON ISLAND ROAD (HOGAN'S MARINA), 31410. PETITIONER: WILLIAM J. CURRY FOR FISHING FOR JAMIE, INC., A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. THE EVENT WILL BE**

**HELD JULY 31 - AUGUST 2, 2015.
[DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a request to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer only) for a special event at 36 Wilmington Island Road, 31410. The petitioner is William J. Curry for Fishing for Jamie, Inc. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-13
AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Gregori S. Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services
Joseph Lumpkin, Sr., Chief of Police

ISSUE:

Permit to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event in Chatham County on July 2,1 - August 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m..

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **Fishing for Jamie, Inc.**, a non-profit organization, through applicant **William J. Curry** has filed a Special Event Application for a fundraiser at 36 Wilmington Island Road (Hogan's Marina), Savannah, GA 31410. The applicant has the intent to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer only) at the event.
2. Section 16-134(4) of the Chatham County Business/Occupational Tax Ordinance requires approval of the County Commissioners to issue a temporary permit to dispense alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.
3. The ordinance grants the Board of Commissioners discretion to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.
4. After eight years of this event, the Police Department has had no reports of violations. The Police Marine Patrol will be assigned to the scheduled event.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Grant permit to allow the dispensing and consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the requested special event at 36 Wilmington Island Road.
2. Deny permit.
3. Provide direction to staff.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Alcoholic Beverages Code prohibits the sale, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages during a special event without a permit and approval of the Board of Commissioners.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Alternative No. 1

District 4

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- 14. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AWARD BIDS AS FOLLOWS: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear).**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to award bids as follows: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear.) Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-14 A-S
AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER
FROM: LINDA CRAMER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER
SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS

ITEM A

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$58,000 sole source purchase for an annual software license and agreement with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms for Juvenile Court and Tracking System (JCATS) from Canyon Solutions, Chandler, AZ, for Juvenile Court.

BACKGROUND: The Juvenile Court has had the JCATS system since 1996. The system was updated in 2006.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Canyon Solutions has agreed to honor the \$58,000 annual software license and agreement that has been in place since 2006. The first payment will be made July 1, 2015.
2. Staff believes the cost of this software and license to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Juvenile Court (Pending adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget)
 (1002600-52.39001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$58,000 sole source purchase for an annual software license and agreement with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms for Juvenile Court and Tracking System (JCATS) from Canyon Solutions, Chandler, AZ, for Juvenile Court.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases of software licenses.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
 NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
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ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$33,251 purchase of fifty-eight (58) computers (CPU) from the State of Georgia Contract, from Dell Marketing, LP, for C.N.T.

BACKGROUND: Confiscated Funds have been awarded to CNT for appropriated drug law enforcement use and are herein identified.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. State Purchasing awarded this contract through a competitive process based on requirements and specifications of the Georgia Technology Authority.
2. The systems are comprised of Intel Core I5 Quad Core 3.30GHZ, UBUNTU, 8GB RAM 2 DIMMS 1600MHZ, 8X DVD+/-RW, 500GB 3.5" SATA Hard Drive 7200RPM, with 3 year basic warranty.
3. These computers will replace the current desktop computers that are formatted with the City of Savannah IT configuration.
4. The current computers were purchased with Confiscated Funds. Any proceeds from their sale will be returned to Confiscated Funds.
5. Staff believes the State of Georgia total contract price of \$33,251 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Confiscated Funds - CNT (Pending Board Approval)
 (2103222 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$33,251 purchase of fifty-eight (58) computers (CPU) from the State of Georgia Contract, from Dell Marketing, LP, for C.N.T.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary equipment for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$77,620 construction contract to E & D Contracting Services, Inc., for traffic signal equipment upgrades at the intersection of Johnny Mercer Boulevard and Whitemarsh Island Road.

BACKGROUND: The existing traffic signal equipment is outdated and must be replaced to meet current GDOT standards.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This project was properly advertised and two (2) bids were submitted and opened on June 11, 2015. The bid results are as follows:

**	E & D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$77,620
	JHC Corporation Peachtree City, GA	\$97,670

** WBE firm

2. Staff believes the bid from E&D Contracting Services, Inc., to be fair and reasonable.
3. The contractor will have 55 days to complete the project after issuance of Notice to Proceed.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Roads (Pending adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget)
(3244220 - 52.12003 - 32457137)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$77,620 construction contract to E & D Contracting Services, Inc., for traffic signal equipment upgrades at the intersection of Johnny Mercer Boulevard and Whitemarsh Island Road.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award construction contracts to the low, responsive, responsible bidder.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$1,519 Change Order No. 4 to the construction contract with R.L. Construction Group, Inc., for the Liberty City Community Center Addition.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County Board of Commissioners approved an \$834,238 contract for construction services to R.L. Construction Group, Inc., at their March 28, 2014 Commission meeting.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The location of the addition is in the front yard of the existing Liberty City Community Center on Mills B. Lane Boulevard.

2. This change order represents the upgrade of the existing fire alarm panel in order to connect to and control both the addition and the existing building.
3. The fire alarm is required by the building code for coverage of the addition and existing building.
4. Staff finds the price of \$1,519 for this change order from R.L. Construction Group, Inc., to be fair and reasonable.
5. Contract history:

Original contract (3-28-14)	\$834,238
Change Order No. 1 (9-12-14)	9,500
Change Order No. 2 (4-10-15)	5,375
Change Order No. 3 (5-22-15)	2,420
Change Order No. 4 (pending)	<u>1,519</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$853,052

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Liberty City Community Center
(3244980 - 54.13011 - 32470347)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$1,519 Change Order No. 4 to the construction contract with R.L. Construction Group, Inc., for the Liberty City Community Center Addition.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve change orders necessary for the completion of construction projects.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$50,767 purchase of fifteen (15) rifles and related equipment from Clyde Armory, Inc., Athens, GA, for C.N.T.

BACKGROUND: The Board approved at their June 12, 2015 meeting the use of confiscated funds for the purchase of Daniel Defense Tactical Rifles.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The bid was properly advertised and three (3) vendors responded on June 3, 2015. The responses were as follows:

Clyde Armory, Inc. Athens, GA	\$50,757
US Patriot Tactical Hinesville, GA	\$51,695
GT Distributors of Georgia, Inc. Rossville, GA	\$53,968

2. Staff believes the total cost of \$50,767 for the rifles to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Confiscated Funds - CNT
(2103222 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$50,767 purchase of fifteen (15) rifles and related equipment from Clyde Armory, Inc., Athens, GA, for C.N.T.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board of Commissioners established a policy for the use of confiscated Funds at the meeting on October 4, 1968. The requested use is consistent with Board policy.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$466,992 construction contract with Reeves Construction Company for the resurfacing of various County roads.

BACKGROUND: The project involves milling, paving, striping and signing. The roads were selected based upon ratings using Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Computerized Pavement Condition Evaluation System (COPACES). Partial funding for this project comes from the GDOT Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This project was properly advertised and three (3) bids were received and opened June 10, 2015. The bid results are as follows:

	Reeves Construction Company Garden City, GA	\$466,992
**	Carroll and Carroll, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$499,999
	Preferred Materials, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$499,999

** WBE

2. Staff believes the bid from Reeves Construction Company is fair and reasonable.
3. The roads to be resurfaced include Adams Avenue, Bellview Drive, Diana Drive, Fox Chase Road, Gamble Road, Laroche Avenue, Legacy Boulevard, Mcleod Street, Michael Court and Pine Barren Road.
4. The contractor will have 60 days to complete resurfacing of the roads after the Notice to Proceed is issued.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Unincorporated County Roads - LARP
(3234220 - 54.14001 - 32355657)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$466,992 construction contract with Reeves Construction Company for the resurfacing of various County roads.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award construction contracts to the low, responsive, responsible bidder.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval for a purchase of (81) 9mm handguns from Ed's Public Safety and the trade-in of (81) handguns, to be used by Enforcement personnel in Street Operations and K-9. The total purchase cost using the trade-ins will be \$9,963.

BACKGROUND: Street Operations and K-9 personnel are transitioning to 9mm weapons. These weapons have been shown to be easier to operate than existing weapons. Additionally, the ammunition for these weapons is more readily available and less costly for both duty and training rounds.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bids were properly advertised and three (3) bids were received and opened on June 11, 2015. The bid response is as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Purchase</u>	<u>Less Trade-In</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ed's Public Safety Stockbridge, GA	\$33,129	(\$23,166)	\$9,963
G.T. Distributors, Inc. Rossville, GA	\$33,129	(\$20,655)	\$12,474

Smyrna Police Distributors Smyrna, GA	\$33,129	(\$20,250)	\$12,879
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- Staff believes the bid of \$9,963 from Ed's Public Safety is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Department
(1003300 - 53.17009)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval for a purchase of (81) 9mm handguns from Ed's Public Safety and the trade-in of (81) handguns, to be used by Enforcement personnel in Street Operations and K-9. The total purchase cost using the trade-ins will be \$9,963.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award contracts to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$103,600 engineering/design services contract to Thomas & Hutton for Lake Mayer Phase I.

BACKGROUND: Lake Mayer was built in 1972 and has been the focal point of recreation in Chatham County. The park features basketball courts, tennis courts, and a lake for fishing complete with boat ramps, docks, and sailing facility, a remote control car track, handball courts, skating/roller hockey rink, pavilions and picnic areas. The master plan for Lake Mayer was completed and approved in 2011. This contract will provide design services and begin to implement the master plan.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- Proposals were solicited and properly advertised for Engineering/Design Services for the parking improvement and drainage at Lake Mayer per the Lake Mayer Master Plan. Seven (7) engineering/design firms submitted proposals. The proposals were scored by the evaluation committee and the top two (2) scoring firms were interviewed. **(See attached matrix for detailed scoring on pages 9 and 10).** After totaling the scores from the proposals and the interviews, Thomas & Hutton was the highest scoring firm.
- The final scope of services and fee were negotiated. Staff finds the fee to be fair and reasonable for this project.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Lake Mayer
(3244981 - 52.12003 - 32470383)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval to award a \$103,600 engineering/design services contract to Thomas & Hutton for Lake Mayer Phase I.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award engineering contracts to the highest scoring firm.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$10,000 renewal for System Z software support and updates from Zortec International Corp. for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: System Z software has been in use by the numerous County offices for many years. The use of the County's Judicial Information Management System (JIMS) is written in System Z format and is the application that all the courts use.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. System Z support has not increased over the years. It has remained \$10,000.
2. I.C.S. programmers, system analysts and support staff are knowledgeable in System Z application support and programming.
3. System Z is a legacy application system used by numerous departments and is proprietary with has many custom defined features within the programming by department.
4. I.C.S. believes the renewal cost of this software and maintenance agreement to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - I.C.S. (Pending adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget)
(1001535 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$10,000 renewal for System Z software support and updates from Zortec International Corp., for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary maintenance for hardware and software for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

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NICK BATEY

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RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$75,581 purchase of Microsoft SQL, Windows and MSDN licenses from CDW-Government for the Judicial Case Management System.

BACKGROUND: Microsoft software is an essential part of the comprehensive solution for the new Case Management System (CMS). Licensing the software is required to use the software.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Microsoft SQL licenses are required to use the CMS databases.
2. The Windows licenses are required to cover the Operating System for each of the CMS servers.
3. The MSDN license is needed to cover the software licensing requirements for the development environments.
4. The County purchases Microsoft licenses under an Enterprise Agreement, which is managed by CDW-Government.
5. Staff believes the cost of \$75,581 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - File Tracking System
(3502101 - 35030678 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVE

1. Board approval of a \$75,581 purchase of Microsoft SQL, Windows and MSDN licenses from CDW-Government for the Judicial Case Management System.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of essential software.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award an annual contract, with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Underwriters Safety and Claims, Inc., of Savannah, to provide Worker's Compensation Third Party Administration Services, at an annual cost of \$41,000 for the first one (1) year term of the contract, \$41,000 for the second one (1) year term of the contract, and \$43,500 per year for the three remaining one (1) year terms of the contract.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County has self-funded its Worker's Compensation responsibilities since 1972 and used the services of a third party administrator (TPA) since the inception of self-funding. The TPA coordinates claim administration services for providing Worker's Compensation benefits to its employees, elected officials, and any other group(s) designated by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. County departments rely heavily upon the TPA regarding knowledge, guidance and availability. The TPA is responsible for receiving, reviewing, and recording all claim and loss notices received from Chatham County and for processing all claims in accordance with applicable Georgia Law, the Georgia Insurance Commissioner's office, and the State Board of Worker's Compensation. In addition, the TPA is required to investigate claims to determine compensability, the correct amount of payment (if any), and to evaluate injuries, disabilities, and claims for settlement.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued and publically advertised, and nine (9) firms responded.
2. Proposals were scored and ranked by an evaluation committee which consisted of the Risk Manager, Public Works Administrative Service Manager, Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff, M/WBE Coordinator and Assistant Purchasing Agent. Categories scored were qualifications and experience, methodology/implementation plan, M/WBE participation, references and fee proposal. **(See attached matrix page 15 for scoring details).**
3. As part of the fee proposal, each firm was required to state (based on an average number of claims submitted annually by the County), the cost per claim for medical only, indemnity only, and incidents with no subsequent claim. In addition, each firm was required to state their annual administrative fee, and data conversion fee (for the first year of the contract only). All fee proposals were analyzed based on the total cost of the contract for the five year term to establish the "Best Value" for the County. Proposal results are as follows:

Proposer	Score	5-Yr. Total
Underwriters Safety & Claims, Inc. Savannah, GA	83.50	\$212,500
Hewitt Coleman & Associates Greenville, SC	61.90	\$251,200
PMA Management Atlanta, GA	60.96	\$269,600
Claims Strategies & Solutions Centennial, CO	56.76	\$259,090
CorVel Corporation Duluth, GA	55.77	\$275,800
AS&G Claims Administration, Inc. Pooler, GA	54.47	\$473,500
Brentwood Services Administrators, Inc. Brentwood, TN	55.30	\$241,004
Key Risk Management Greensboro, NC	52.72	\$387,400
Alternative Service Concepts Cumming, GA	48.25	\$284,593 minimum

4. Underwriters Safety and Claims, our current TPA, scored the highest of all the proposers.

FUNDING: Risk Management
(6259926 - 51.27004)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award an annual contract, with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Underwriters Safety and Claims, Inc., of Savannah, to provide Worker's Compensation Third Party Administration Services, at an annual cost of \$41,000 for the first one (1) year term of the contract,

\$41,000 for the second one (1) year term of the contract, and \$43,500 per year for the three remaining one (1) year terms of the contract.

2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide essential services at the lowest possible cost and to award annual contracts to firms which rank the highest in a competitive sealed proposal procurement process.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$14,999 purchase of VMWare licenses and maintenance from CDW-Government for the Judicial Case Management System.

BACKGROUND: VMware virtualization allows you to run multiple operating systems and applications on a single computer that is virtualized for efficiency, higher availability, and lower costs. VMware licensing is an essential part of the comprehensive solution for the new Case Management System (CMS).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. VMware licenses are required to virtualize most of the new CMS servers, which significantly reduces the amount of hardware needed.
2. Quotes were solicited and received from the following vendors:

CDW-G Chicago, IL	\$14,999
Zones, Inc. Seattle, WA	\$17,768
Dell Marketing Atlanta, GA	\$19,517

3. Staff believes the total cost of \$14,999 to be fair and reasonable..

FUNDING: CIP - File Tracking System
(3502101 - 35030678 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$14,999 purchase of VMWare licenses and maintenance for the Judicial Case Management System from CDW-Government.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of essential hardware needed to run necessary equipment used throughout the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$15,394 purchase of Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phones with software and associated licenses for CNT, from the General Services Administration (GSA) schedule, from Mitel Business Systems, Inc. for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: The County's phone equipment is used to join the phone systems at various locations thus providing 4 digit dialing to all County extensions.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County's telephone system has been upgraded to a voice over IP system. For all new projects IP telephones and licenses are required for communication.
2. This procurement allows the County to use Voice over IP Telephones and provides Voice over IP services which reduce cost in the future with less cable runs and equipment cost.
3. This equipment is necessary to transfer the current CNT telephones to the County telephone network.
4. Staff believes the cost of \$15,394 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - CNT
(1003222 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$15,394 purchase of Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phones with software and associated licenses for CNT, from the General Services Administration (GSA) schedule, from Mitel Business Systems, Inc. for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary equipment for communications.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM N

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$19,596 purchase of Cisco network equipment with Smartnet Maintenance from Centrics IT for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: The entire County network operates on a Cisco Network and this equipment is essential to ensure functioning network operations. This equipment is for connecting the CNT site to the County network.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Quotes were solicited and received from the following vendors:

Centrics IT Norcross, GA	\$19,596
CXTEC. Binghamton, NY	\$19,732
CDW-G. Chicago, IL	\$25,602
2. These network items are necessary and must be configured and installed before the new computers are able to be put into place.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$19,596 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - CNT
(1003222 - 54.25001).

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$19,596 purchase of Cisco network equipment with Smartnet Maintenance from Centrics IT for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of essential hardware needed to run necessary equipment used throughout the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM O

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$199,918 sole source annual agreement for system network maintenance with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the County portion of the 800MHz Smartzone Communication System.

BACKGROUND: The system network maintenance provides for the county's 50% share of the central switching equipment data center and maintenance of the County's two (2) 800 MHZ tower sites. The City of Savannah is separately responsible for the other 50% of the maintenance on the switching center and the other towers of the 800 MHZ system network.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The sole source manufacturer and service provider, Motorola Solutions Inc, provides contractual services locally through Savannah Communications, the only company technically qualified and authorized by license to maintain the communication system.
2. Over the last several years additional components have been added. Currently, the value of the entire networked communication system is more than \$15 million.
3. Staff believes this cost to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O – Communications (Pending adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget)
(1001536 – 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$199,918 sole source annual agreement for system network maintenance with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the County portion of the 800MHz Smartzone Communication System.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide maintenance for the County's portion of the 800 MHZ communication system, without interruption.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM P

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$23,280 annual software maintenance renewal from En Pointe Technologies Sales, LLC, for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: I.C.S. moved to a Terabyte (TB) system with NetBackup for data protection in 2011. NetBackup allows for fast recovery of critical applications, databases and servers, through one console. Its agents use vendor-approved APIs to ensure a consistent backup and recovery processes. It further allows for single platform to manage, protect, and recover data across storage tiers, locations, and operating systems. Advanced disk-based data protection features that include data deduplication, new virtual tape library (VTL) controls, support for third-party disk appliances, and more snapshot capabilities. Integrated data protection and recovery for virtual environments, critical applications, databases, and servers.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. NetBackup is a Symantec product. The renewal of existing software licenses & support for our network backup system is essential to our Enterprise environment.
2. Staff believes the cost of \$23,280 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund M&O - I.C.S. (Pending adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget)
(1001535 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$23,280 annual software maintenance renewal from En Pointe Technologies Sales, LLC, for I.C.S.

2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary software and support to backup data on the County network.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM Q

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a (\$24,200) Deductive Summary Change Order No. 1 with TIC - The Industrial Company for the Pipemakers Canal Tide Gate Replacement project.

BACKGROUND: The Pipemakers Canal project is part of the 1998-2003 SPLOST Drainage Program. The problem addressed by the project is the replacement of the electrically operated sluice gates with new flap gates over the outfall box structure to eliminate maintenance and repair issues.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board awarded the project to replace the tide gates on October 10, 2014. The replacement gates were ordered in December, and actual construction began March 23, 2015. The project was determined to be substantially complete on May 22, 2015, with no punchlist items.
2. The contract was awarded on a lump sum basis with a separate field condition allowance. As the work progressed, field conditions resulted in the need to apply a portion of the allowance to clean and recoat the upstream trash screens. The cost of this operation was negotiated by staff. Staff believes the price to be fair and reasonable for the materials and labor. The remainder of the field condition allowance is shown below as a deductive change order.
3. Contract History:

Original Contract (10-10-14)	\$ 540,820
Change Order No. 1 (Pending)	<u>(\$24,200)</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 516,620

FUNDING: No additional funding is necessary

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a (\$24,200) Deductive Summary Change Order No. 1 with TIC - The Industrial Company for the Pipemakers Canal Tide Gate Replacement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve change orders necessary for the completion of construction projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM R

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$25,001 purchase of one (1) replacement 2016 Ford E150 cargo transit van from J.C. Lewis Ford for the Live Oak Public Library.

BACKGROUND: The vehicle will replace Unit 654 (2003 Ford E350 van) VIN #59336 that was involved in an accident. The County was not at fault. The unit was declared a total loss and the Risk Manager negotiated a settlement value of \$3,900.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. An Invitation for Bid was properly advertised and opened June 4, 2015. The only vendor to respond was J.C. Lewis Ford. Their bid price is \$25,001.
2. Staff believes the pricing of \$25,001 for a 2016 Ford E150 12 cargo transit van to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - General Fund Vehicles

(3501567 - 54.22001 - 35030958)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a \$25,001 purchase of one (1) replacement 2016 Ford E150 cargo transit van from J.C. Lewis Ford for the Live Oak Public Library.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary vehicles for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM S

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$30,636 purchase of one (1) new 2016 Ford E350, 12 passenger van from J.C. Lewis Ford for the Cooperative Extension.

BACKGROUND: The vehicle is a new vehicle needed for various duties throughout the County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. An Invitation for Bid was properly advertised and opened June 4, 2015. Responses are as follows:

Wade Ford Smyrna, GA	\$30,636
Auto Nation Marietta, GA	\$31,438
J.C. Lewis Ford Savannah, GA	\$32,577

- 2. On March 27, 1998, the Board approved a local preference policy which, when a non-local firm submits the lowest bid, allows the lowest bidding Chatham County firm to match the non-local bid. If the local firm agrees to match the lowest bid, the local firm is awarded the purchase. J.C. Lewis Ford was offered the opportunity to match the non-local bid submitted by Wade Ford of Smyrna, GA and they accepted.
- 3. Staff believes the pricing of \$30,636 for a 2016 Ford E350 12 passenger van to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Cooperative Extension
(1009812 - 54.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a \$30,636 purchase of one (1) new 2016 Ford E350, 12 passenger van from J.C. Lewis Ford for the Cooperative Extension.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary vehicles for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING AGENT

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XI. FIRST READINGS

Proposed changes to ordinances must be read or presented in written form at two meetings held not less than one week apart. A vote on the following listed matters will occur at the next regularly scheduled meeting. On first reading, presentation by MPC staff and discussion only by Commissioners will be heard. Comments, discussion and debate from members of the public will be received only at the meeting at which a vote is to be taken on one of the following listed items.

Chairman Scott said, we have no First Readers.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

Chairman Scott said, no Second Readers.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, there is an information section in there for your information, as well as a list of expenditures.

1. PROGRESS REPORT ON GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT - M&O AND THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT (SEE ATTACHED).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

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2. LIST OF PURCHASING ITEMS BETWEEN \$2,500 AND \$9,999 (See Attached.)

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2

AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2015

List of Purchasing Items between \$2,500 and \$9,999 That Do Not Require Board Approval

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Sporting events timer system	Aquatic Center	Colorado Time Systems, Inc.	\$4,065	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
7'x20' heavy duty utility trailer	Public Works and Park Services	Coastal Buildings & Trailer Sales	\$2,800	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Install one (1) acre of grass sprigs at the Jennifer Ross Soccer Complex	Public Works and Park Services	Todd Godwin Construction, Inc.	\$7,977	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Plans and specifications for the Tax Commissioner's Office renovation project	Tax Commissioner	Hansen Architects, P.C.	\$3,500	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Tractor cutter attachment for Solid Waste section of Public Works and Park Services	Fleet Operations	Atlantic Coastal Equipment	\$3,075	Solid Waste - Restricted
June 2015 Tax Sale Advertisements	Tax Commissioner	Shivers Trading / Operating Company	\$4,590	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Elevator pump repair at the Administrative / Legislative Courthouse	Facilities Maintenance	Otis Elevator	\$3,529	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
50 loads of topsoil for model airplane field	Public Works and Park Services	Lanyard Development, Inc.	\$5,000	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Three (3) document scanners for Case Management Office	I.C.S.	CDW Government, Inc.	\$8,147	General Fund/M&O - Court Administrator
Twelve document scanners for District Attorney's Office	I.C.S.	Staples Business Advantage	\$4,571	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
Annual software agreement for evidence tracking software for Sheriff's Office	I.C.S.	Quetel Corporation	\$5,302	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Dept.
Eight (8) laser jet printers for District Attorney's Office	I.C.S.	Staples Business Advantage	\$3,424	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
Blades, bolts and washers for routine tractor maintenance	Public Works and Park Services	Miles Tractor Company	\$3,407	SSD - Public Works and Park Services
Storage building for equipment and tools at the Firing Range	Sheriff's Dept.	Carport-Central.com, Inc.	\$9,619	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Dept.
Metal deck car hauler	C.N.T.	Dorsey Trailer Sales	\$5,245	Confiscated Funds - C.N.T.
880 - 50lb. bags of media crushed glass for blasting system used to remove paint during the Phase 2 construction project at the Detention Center	Detention Center	ESCA Industries, Ltd.	\$6,845	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
263 - 12x12 tile for the Phase 2 construction project at the Detention Center	Detention Center	Home Depot, Inc.	\$9,350	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Airless paint sprayer for the Phase 2 construction project at the Detention Center	Detention Center	Sherwin Williams, Co.	\$4,149	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Rental of a diesel compressor for blasting during the Phase 2 construction project at the Detention Center	Detention Center	United Rentals, Inc.	\$2,596	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
15 desktop computers for the Sheriff's Dept.	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$8,391	I.C.S. Computer Replacement
Replacement of LED message board on sign at the Recycling Center	Public Works and Park Services	Blinky Signs	\$8,788	Solid Waste - Restricted
Two (2) conference room tables for I.C.S. and Tax Assessor's conference rooms	I.C.S.	VIP Printing & Office Supply	\$4,153	General Fund/M&O - Finance

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Push camera and monitor for viewing storm water system	Public Works and Park Services	The Cable Center	\$9,999	SSD - Public Works and Park Services
Baseball/softball officials for youth games April 27 - May 9	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Umpires Assn.	\$6,171	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Two (2) laptop computers with cases for Court Administrator's Office	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$3,338	General Fund/M&O - Court Administrator
Six (6) desktop computers for Tax Commissioner's Police Memorial Drive Annex	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$4,842	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Month rental of blasting equipment for the Phase 2 construction project at the Detention Center	Detention Center	ESCA Industries, LTD.	\$9,960	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Recreational equipment for the Liberty City Community Center	Building Safety and Regulatory Services	BSN Sports	\$2,714	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Liberty City Community Center
Cable, cabinets, cameras and outlets for Carver Heights Community Center	Building Safety and Regulatory Services	Netplanner Systems, Inc.	\$5,249	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Carver Heights Community Center
Mailing of pre-bills for month of June	Tax Commissioner	World Marketing	\$5,400	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Baseball/softball officials for youth games March 26 - April 25	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Umpires Assn.	\$8,445	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Grassing for Detention Center Expansion	Detention Center	Screven Outdoors	\$6,696	CIP - Detention Center Expansion SPLOST project
Replacement of trees removed from the County's Blue Sky Tract	Engineering	Sligh Environmental Consultants	\$8,540	SSD - Land Disturbing Activity
Additional work due to unsuitable soil conditions at the Carver Heights Community Center	Building Safety and Regulatory Services	ECS Southeast, LLC	\$2,628	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Carver Heights Community Center
One (1) Cisco switch and supplies	I.C.S.	Cxtec	\$9,076	General Fund/M&O - Communications
13 office chairs	I.C.S.	VIP Printing & Office Supply	\$3,289	General Fund/M&O - Communications
Annual virus protection software maintenance and support	I.C.S.	CDW Government, Inc.	\$8,721	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Annual renewal on ArcGIS software license for Engineering	I.C.S.	ESRI	\$3,110	SSD - Engineering

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3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 ROADS

AGENDA DATE: JUNE 26, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE: To provide information on the status of Chatham County road projects.

BACKGROUND: Funding priorities for projects using Federal aid are established in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). For awarded construction contracts, this report provides the latest scheduled completion dates.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Bay Street Widening. ROW acquisition complete. GDOT certified the ROW on April 1, 2015. Final plans revisions underway to address FFPR comments. Environmental certification for let approved May 7, 2015. Staff anticipates GDOT letting a construction contract in 2015.
2. Jimmy Deloach Parkway Extension and Interchange of Jimmy Deloach Parkway at U.S. 80. Design is on-going. Right of way acquisition for both projects underway. Notice to Proceed with ROW acquisition issued October 3, 2014 for Extension project and notice to proceed with ROW. Projects to be let together for construction by GDOT in Fiscal Year 2018.
3. SR 307 Widening from US 17 to I-16. GDOT accepted for ownership and maintenance the section from I-16 south to Hardin Canal. Project from Hardin Canal south to US 17 is substantially complete and open to traffic.
4. Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement. Design is underway on a high level bridge to replace the bascule bridge over the Intercoastal Waterway on Islands Expressway. Environmental document was approved on May 26, 2015. ROW authorization expected in 2015.
5. Local Roads under Construction.
 - a. Construction is substantially complete for 2.9 miles of road resurfacing to include Albert Road, Cottonvale Road, Dove Lane, Goldfinch Court, Lansing Avenue, Lions Gate Entrance, Raleigh Road and Springhouse Drive. Construction is underway.
 - b. Board approval of a contract award for road surfacing of 1.5 miles of roadway including Diana Drive, Michael Court, Bellview Drive, McLeod Street, West Fox Chase Road, Legacy Boulevard, Gamble Road, Adams Avenue, LaRoche Avenue and Pine Barren Road considered on June 26, 2015.
6. Local Road Projects under Design.
 - a. Benton Boulevard. Preliminary design underway. Project will extend two lanes of Benton Boulevard north from its existing terminus at Highlands Boulevard to State Route 30. Public Information Open House scheduled for May 5, 2015.
 - b. Quacco Road. Board approved professional services engineering contract with Moffatt & Nichol on May 8, 2015. This phase will consider improvements from US 17 to the bridge crossing Interstate 95. Traffic counts and database preparation underway.
 - c. Skidaway Road. Project will provide improvements along Skidaway Road from Montgomery Cross Road to Ferguson Avenue. ROW plans are complete. Staff requested titles of impacted parcels to begin ROW acquisition.
 - d. Hill Road. Preparation of ROW plans underway. Dirt road paving project.
 - e. Fairwind Road. Preliminary plans to pave Fairwind Road within the existing right of way underway by staff.
 - f. East White Hawthorne Drive Cul-de-sac. Construction plans are complete. Project is ready to bid as soon as Easement Limited Agreement is executed by Board.

- g. Bradley Point Sidewalk Improvements. Concept development complete. Public meeting held March 3, 2015. Preliminary plans and environmental permitting underway for the preferred alternative based on comments in support of the alternative received from the March 3rd meeting.
- h. Canebrake Road Improvement Project. Preliminary design underway. Design includes an extension of the Coastal Georgia Greenway on the southside of Canebrake Road, a 5-ft sidewalk on the northside of Canebrake Road and pavement widening to provide two 11-ft travel lanes. A public information meeting held April 28, 2015.
- i. Truman Linear Park Trail, Phase 2-A. Board approved a professional services engineering contract with McGee Partners. Project will provide a multi-use trail from Lake Mayer north to DeRenne Avenue. Project kick-off and coordination meeting scheduled for July 8, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
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AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE
AGENDA DATE: JUNE 26, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE: To provide information on the status of Chatham County drainage projects.

BACKGROUND: For awarded construction contracts, this report provides the latest scheduled completion dates. For projects pending environmental permits, start dates are best estimates. Project scopes include varying degrees of canal widening, bank stabilization, bridges and culverts.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Pipemakers Tidegate Replacement. The project involves replacing existing sluice gates with flap gates. The Board awarded a construction contract at the October 10, 2014 meeting. The work was substantially completed on May 22, 2015. Project closeout is underway.
2. Ashley Road Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve a drainage system from the Ashley Road cul-de-sac. Design work is underway.
3. Gateway-Henderson Drainage Improvements. The project will improve portions of the drainage system in the northeast quadrant of I-95 and SR 204. The project includes construction of maintenance access and drainage improvements. Design work is underway.
4. Norwood Drainage Outfalls. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance for two drainage outfalls from Norwood Avenue. Construction of improvements is complete at Norwood Place. Design work, permitting, and acquisitions are underway for the outfall near Skidaway Road.
5. Louis Mills/Redgate Canal. The project will correct inadequate drainage capacity and the lack of maintenance access to the canal. Design of improvements along the Marshall Branch Canal is underway and includes construction of maintenance access and culvert replacements. All permits have been received, and property acquisition is nearing completion. The project will be out to bid soon.
6. Ferguson-Winterberry Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve drainage and provide access for maintenance for the Remington Canal from Ferguson Road to the outfall at Moon River. The outfall passes through the Winterberry private development. Design work is underway.
7. Shipyard-Beaulieu Area. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance. Design of a project to expand and relocate an existing outfall channel is underway.
8. Little Hurst Canal. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance along the canal. Field surveying and wetland delineation are complete. Design of improvements at the CSX railroad crossing is underway.
9. Willow Lakes Drainage Improvements. The project will relieve internal drainage issues within the Willow Lakes subdivision. The project will increase the storage capacity of the pond by lowering the existing water elevation. Design work is underway.

10. Wahlstrom Road Drainage Improvements. The project will relocate a part of a drainage system located on private property into the County right-of-way and an acquired drainage easement. Construction contract awarded March 13, 2015. Beginning of construction has been delayed to allow for necessary utility relocations, with work expected to begin in July.

11. Vidalia Road Canal Drainage Improvements. The project will improve conveyance and obtain easements for access and maintenance. Design is underway.

12. Concord Road Drainage Improvements. The project will include the replacement of the existing open channel along Concord Road with a closed system and improvements to the outfall system along Penn Waller. Survey work is underway.

13. Tiana Circle Drainage Improvements. The project will reconstruct a segment of the existing roadway which has settled and improve the drainage system to eliminate chronic street ponding. Design is underway.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Scott said, it will -- it will be necessary to have an executive session for --

Commissioner Center said, you ready for a motion?

Chairman Scott said, legal and personnel.

Commissioner Center said, ready for a motion?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, I -- I move that we recess to executive session for -- to discuss --

County Attorney Hart said, personnel and litigation.

Commissioner Center said, personnel, litigation, didn't you have some real estate on there too? I think you did.

Commissioner Holmes said, appointments.

County Attorney Hart said, no. You can add it, but I don't think so.

Commissioner Center said, appointments and real estate.

Chairman Scott said, no. No real estate.

Commissioner Center said, I thought I saw one on there.

Chairman Scott said, no.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, just personnel and litigation.

County Attorney Hart said, there will be at the next -- at the next meeting there will be.

Commissioner Center said, okay. For personnel -- I move that we recess to executive session to discuss personnel and litigation.

Chairman Scott said, do we have a second?

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Commissioner Brady said, second.

Chairman Scott said, any unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. We are heading for executive session. We'll take a 10-minute break.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to recess to executive session for the purpose of litigation and personnel. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

The Board recessed at approximately 11:00 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN AFFIDAVIT THAT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present for the vote.]

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- 2. **APPOINTMENTS
BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to re-appoint Tommy Boondry to the Board of Tax Assessors. His term is set to expire June 27, 2019. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried in a 7-1 vote with Commissioner Center being the lone no vote. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF JULY, 2015.

**ALBERT J. SCOTT, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY,
GEORGIA**

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION